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# Salem plans therapeutic hospital

**Marian Van Til,**
**from a report by Sylvia De Vries**

BOWMANVILLE, Ont. — A Christian therapeutic centre for mental patients is desperately needed in Ontario, said Salem president William Barneveld. He indicated that a feasibility study has given support to that idea and that Salem is going to proceed towards establishing such a hospital.

Barneveld's remarks were made at the 23rd Annual Meeting of Salem, held on March 30. Doors of the Durham Christian High School were plastered with signs reading WELCOME SALEM, reflecting the eagerness of the surrounding community to host the convention.

Salem is a non-profit, interdenominational organization which offers counselling of various types, marriage and personal enrichment weekends, art therapy and related services.

## Sizable deficit

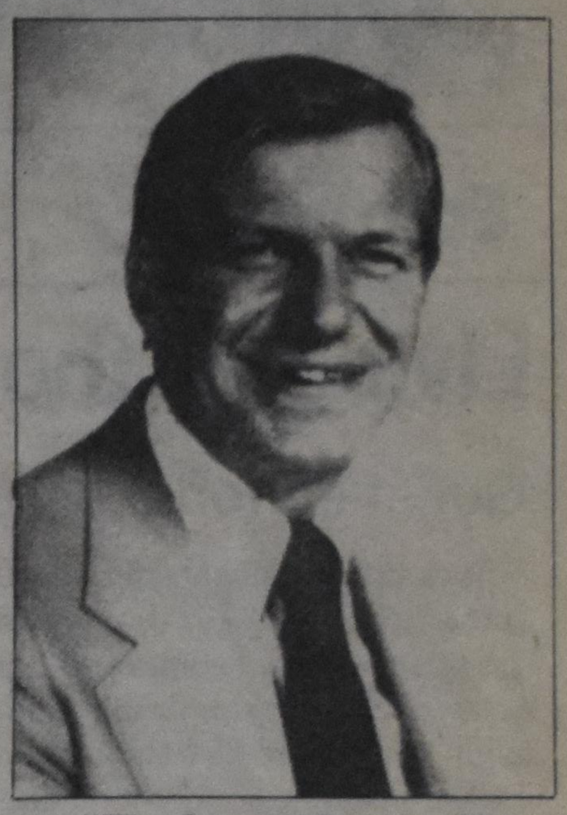
Most of the Annual Meeting's emphasis was placed on the four workshops offered in morning and afternoon sessions by Salem counsellors. A business meeting during lunch featured a review of the year by Barneveld.

He informed the members about staff changes at the organization's 10 clinics across southern Ontario.

He added that the growth which took place in 1984, depleted Salem's resources by the substantial amount of $180,000. (One reason for that deficit has been Salem's policy of accepting for counselling anyone who requests it, regardless of ability to pay).

Salem's treasurer Kees Hartog pointed out that the association is "going through a critical period, one which requires much prayer and much support from the Christian community to which Salem looks for encouragement in its endeavour to serve the Lord Jesus Christ as a faithful expression of the reality of His healing power."

There was no doubt that the majority of people present wished to take advantage of the workshops offered. There was little doubt either that most were pleased that the meeting was being held in Bowmanville — that was mentioned time and time again. If held in the Toronto-Hamilton area, many felt distance would have prevented them from attending.



*William Barneveld, President of Salem Christian Mental Health Association*

There is a high level of Salem support in this part of Ontario: there are Salem clinics in Belleville, Bowmanville, Kingston, and Whitby. From Salem's viewpoint, holding its annual meeting in Bowmanville was a means of thanking local members for their support.
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# B.C. schools make music

**Henry de Jong**

TORONTO, Ont. — When Henk Vandezande got up to open the evening session of the annual meeting of the Ontario Association of Alternative and Independent Schools (OAAIS), he hoped to break the strain of a long day of meetings with a little music. Little did he know that he was setting the stage perfectly for the speech that followed.

All musicians were members of one family — Vandezande's family. Henk introduced them one by one: daughters Lisa and Gina, son Darren, and his wife Georgina. He took care to highlight the differing aspirations and abilities of each member, noting that they loved to get together for music making.

During the course of the evening, the Vandezande family, shared with the audience a delightful mix of music with various combinations of piano, violin, flute and voices.

Dr. Edward Lester Bullen, the evening's speaker, was, till a few months ago, Inspector of Independent Schools in British Columbia, a post he had held since 1980. Dr. Bullen began his career in 1948 as a teacher at the Shawnigan Lake School in B.C. Since then he has taught at other schools in B.C. and has been the supervisor, director and superintendent of various School Districts in the province. He has degrees from the Universities of Alberta, Toronto and Oxford.

It was Bullen's experience as Superintendent of Independent Schools that most interested the audience at the OAAIS meeting. The executive of OAAIS had asked him to address the topic, "Publicly Supported Independent Schools: Living with the Government."

Dr. Bullen began his speech by sketching B.C.'s educational history, from the Free School Act of 1865 to the introduction of the Independent School Support Act in 1977 and beyond. Special attention was given to the School Support Act and its consequences.
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*Gina (l.) and Lisa Vandezande playing their violins (the picture was taken three years ago).*

# Novel program saves energy in religious buildings

PHILADELPHIA, Penn. (EP) — Over $300,000 in energy costs were saved at Philadelphia area religious institutions through the work of the Interfaith Coalition on Energy (ICE) in its two-and-a-half years of service to the religious community.

Founded under the sponsorship of the Metropolitan Christian Council of Philadelphia, the Archdiocese of Philadelphia, the Board of Rabbis of Greater Philadelphia, and the Philadelphia chapter of the American Jewish Committee, the program has yielded an average savings of $2,700 for each institution that has participated. The average church or synagogue reduced its energy consumption by 16 percent, and energy costs by ten percent.

"ICE has and will save community funds that are over triple its own budget," stated ICE chairman Robert Silverman.

"Given that success in its few years of operation, ICE has earned support from the entire Philadelphia community, particularly because it has enabled inner-city churches to channel funds to programs directly serving their members."

Aimed at reducing energy costs in religious buildings, ICE has conducted seminars, provided technical information, distributed newsletters, and conducted energy audits, analyzing energy use and making recommendations throughout the Philadelphia area. ICE conducted complete energy analysis of 113 religious institutions. ICE has achieved all these goals on a budget of $84,000.

## Thinkbit

*"I don't have problems with the inerrancy of the Bible. I have problems with inerrant views of inerrancy."*
**CRC minister**

# US leads industrialized world in teen pregnancy, births, abortions

NEW YORK, N.Y. (EP) — American teenagers become pregnant, give birth, and have abortions at significantly higher rates than teens in other industrialized nations, according to a study by the Alan Guttmacher Institute. The study also shows that the US is the only developed country where teenage pregnancy has increased in recent years.

The pregnancy rate for Americans ages 15 to 19 is 96 per thousand, compared with 45 in England and Wales, 44 in Canada, 43 in France, 35 in Sweden, and 14 per thousand in The Netherlands. The teenage abortion rate for the US is as high as the combined rates for abortion and births in other countries studied.

Pregnancy rates among black teens in the US are still higher than the rates for white teens: 163 pregnancies per 1,000 compared to 83 per 1,000. Younger teens have even higher birth rates in the US as compared with teens in other countries. With more than five births per 1,000 girls aged 14, the US rate is around four times that of Canada, the only other country with as much as one birth per 1,000 girls of comparable age.

According to the study, 60 out of every 1,000 women in the US have had an abortion by the time they are 18 years old, twice the rate of Sweden, and three times the rate of England and Wales.

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## Editorial

# Living in the "It is finished" age

### Guest editorial by Gerald Vandezande

Ever since the baptism of Jesus by John the Baptist in the river Jordan (Mt. 3:13-17) Jesus faced temptations and trials. He struggled with evil spirits and traitors who sought to deceive him any way they could. Jesus' entire life was a continuous confrontation with demonic forces and destructive powers of darkness. They constantly sought to seduce him to give up his ministry of reconciliation and renewal. They desperately tried to prevent the emergence of a true way of life that would end their false ways of death.

It all began in the desert. The devil came to Jesus when he was hungry and said,

*"If you are the Son of God, tell these stones to become bread,"*
and

*"If you are the Son of God, throw yourself down" (from the highest point of the temple),*
and

*"All this (all the kingdoms of the world and their splendour) I will give you, if you will bow down and worship me."*

But every time Jesus resisted these devilish temptations and answered by quoting from the Old Testament:

*"It is written: "man does not live on bread alone, but on every word that comes from the mouth of God' " (Deut. 8:3),*
and

*"It is also written: 'Do not put the Lord your God to the test' " (Deut. 6:16),*
and

*"Away from me, Satan! For it is written: 'Worship the Lord your God, and serve Him only' " (Deut. 6:13).*

Right at the outset of His ministry, Jesus let the devil know in no uncertain terms that He sought to do God's will, that He wouldn't succumb to the temptations of bread, power, and prestige, that He wouldn't be bribed by the false gods of material prosperity, military might and political power. Jesus rejected these ways of death and chose the way of life in the power of the Spirit.

Therefore, the theme of His first message in the synagogue in Nazareth were the words of the prophet Isaiah:

*"The Spirit of the Lord is on me, because He has anointed me to preach good news to the poor. He has sent me to proclaim freedom for the prisoners and recovery of sight for the blind, to release the oppressed, to proclaim the year of the Lord's favour" (Lk. 4:18,19).*

And so Jesus continued his ministry: proclaiming grace and love, justice and mercy, hope, joy, healing, and peace to all who suffer from sin, guilt, oppression, persecution, greed and lust. Jesus did so in the sure knowledge that "with God all things are possible" (Mt. 19:26).

**The devil seemed victorious**

However, all the while, the devil closely watched Jesus, using every opportunity to test His commitment and invading the hearts of His followers to sow the seeds of doubt and disbelief. Near the end, the tempter isolated Jesus from His disciples who fell asleep, and exploited Judas, who betrayed the Prince of Peace and turned Him over to a large crowd armed with swords and clubs.

Finally, the devil seemed to have gotten his evil way. He succeeded in having Jesus arrested, flogged, mocked, struck, and crucified.

Suffering the agony and torment of hell, Jesus nevertheless lived through the worst temptation — being forsaken by God. He remained faithful to His mission, even to the bitter end. The apostle John writes:

*"Later, knowing that all was now completed, and so that the Scripture would be fulfilled, Jesus said, 'I am thirsty.' ... When He had received the drink (the wine vinegar), Jesus said, 'It is finished.' With that, He bowed His head and gave up His spirit" (Jn. 19:28-30).*

Jesus' final cry on the cross, "It is finished," is not the cry of a loser but of a winner! It was the cry of victory over the devil and his evil spirits. Jesus, the light of the world, had overcome the powers of darkness. Jesus, who is the way and the truth and the life, had defeated the father of all lies, the author of sin and death. As the apostle Paul records it:

*"And having disarmed the powers and authorities, He made a public spectacle of them, triumphing over them by the cross" (Col. 2:15).*

**Our new life, begun**

It is clear that Jesus' crucifixion is not the end of a useless struggle resulting in death. Instead, it is the beginning of the new way of life, securing life everlasting. For, to quote the apostle Paul once more:

*"God made you alive with Christ. He forgave us all our sins, having cancelled the written code, with its regulations, that was against us and that stood opposed to us; He took it away, nailing it to the cross" (Col. 2:13,14).*

Jesus nailed our sins and the sins of the whole world to the cross: the sins of individualism and collectivism, of capitalism and communism, of materialism and militarism, of racism and sexism, of hedonism and pragmatism. Jesus conquered all of these ideologies and powers. He nailed them to the cross, once and for all, never to test Him again, nor to tempt any followers who put their trust in Jesus, who live in the light of His word, and who serve the living God of eternity rather than the dead idols of our time.

"It is finished!" It was Jesus' cry of victory so that we may lead victorious lives, even in the face of demonic powers and during the nightmare of our nuclear age. In Christ's resurrecting and life-giving power we can and must reject the modern ways of death, and we can and must again begin to follow life-affirming ways. For Christ has come

*"... to shine on those living in darkness and in the shadow of death, to guide our feet into the path of peace" (Lk. 1:79).*

Jesus has shown us the way of peace. We are invited to follow the Prince of Peace. We are called to be partners in the ministry of reconciliation. Today and tomorrow. By the grace of God, we may discover and experience new life, and we may live it to the fullest in Christ, who is the hope and light and life of the world — even today!

## Letters

### Correction

In the February 22 issue of C.C., we mistakenly printed in Gordon Pol's "Pastoral Pondering": "Sola scriptura, sola gratia, sola fidei, are in the balance." That should have read "are **not** in the balance. The most dramatic mistakes are made in printing when a little negative is left out of a sentence or a mere zero is omitted from a number.
**Editor**

### Week too short for C.C.

We are enjoying *Calvinist Contact* very much. We just wish there were more hours to the week so that we could read all of what you put into each issue.

Alas, such is life when you are blessed with work. We thank you for making the relaxing moments very ennoyable.

**James Poelman,**
**Wallaceburg, Ont.**

### C.C. gets good results

For the last three years I put an ad in the summer job market and each year I got exactly what I asked for. This year I have another job so I don't need my ad in the paper any more.

Thanks for putting my ad in the paper. I got good results.

**Jim Versteeg,**
**Cambridge, Ont.**

### Urges patronage of Christian businesses

As a Christian retailer I receive many requests for donations, low cost loans,

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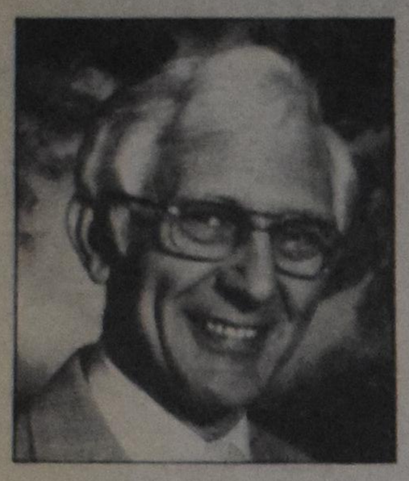

*The "good, old days" were not so good. It's only that we wish them to have been so.*

# The future looks good, remember?

When I have the opportunity for a quiet talk with older folks, the conversations usually turn to the past. Yes, there are precious memories to relive, and it always seems that compared to today the past was a better time to live in.

I'm sure that there is nothing wrong with comparing today with yesterday, especially when today is marked by sorrow, loneliness, and uncertainty. When our today is dark, we are inclined to reach back to a time we remember as being full of sunshine.

Job did that, too. "Oh, that I were in the months of old, as in the days that God watched over me ... when the Almighty was yet with me, when my children were about me" (Job 29:2 and 5).

An older brother once said to me, "Only as you become older does wisdom increase. But then nobody listens for you're a has-been." Undoubtedly there is some truth in what the brother said, but the experiences of life do not necessarily grant wisdom, and the way we remember things as having been is not necessarily correct. We tend to colour the past in the shades we like.

Looking back. It is a good thing that in His grace the Lord allows many sad happenings to slowly erode from our memories whereas He permits joyful things to be remembered.

The "good, old days" were not so good. It's only that we wish them to have been so. As people grow older and find their strength failing, times of strength and challenge only seem better. Deep down in our hearts we know that. The preacher knew it, too. "Say not, 'Why were the former days better than these?' For it is not from wisdom that you ask this" (Eccl. 7:10).

The child of God realizes that decline can mean progress. Demolition can become rebuilding. As our present house is being broken down, our heavenly one nears its completion. When we live in faith, the reality of eternal bliss should become stronger than our memories of a tinted past. In the evening of our lives we are beautifully close to the new tomorrow.

You and I are called to be set free in Christ in such a way that what is negative today becomes more and more positive because of tomorrow.

"In everything God works for good with those who love Him."

Remember?

*William Rang is principal of the high school in Dunnville, Ont.*

## Longer Letter

# What do Christians stand for?

I would like to pose a few questions to the editor, Mr. Antonides, and Rev. Schalkwyk, in regard to the issue of American foreign policy in Latin America, which all three have recently addressed from various angles.

### Atrocities by Contras

First, since Mr. Antonides finds the Sandinistas so objectionable, does he endorse the American policy of (covertly) supporting the Contras? If not, what is a realistic option available to Christians? If we should support the Contras, to what extent may we justify the atrocities known to have been committed by the Contras on the basis of whoever's interests are served by their activities?

The allegations against the Sandinista government pale utterly beside the proven record of atrocities committed by the Contras and other parties of the extreme right (as reported by at least three non-partisan human rights organizations, including Amnesty International).

I would be reassured if Mr. Antonides would at least state that he would not wish for Somoza (were he alive) to be restored to power.

### Only fundamentalism

Secondly, Rev. Schalkwyk makes some surprising — to say the least — statements about repressive governments (C.C., March 15, 1985). He says that we should thank God for these governments (even Somoza!) because they encourage or permit missionary activity. The fact is, they encourage missionary activity only among protestant fundamentalists who share the view that the gospel has nothing to do with politics and that it isn't important if people die as long as they are "saved." But it is a debased, cheapened gospel that is being preached, and not the real thing, and in the long run the *real* gospel is not being furthered at all.

The people of Latin America will, as they have in the past, come to identify this "Christianity" with oppression, and when revolution comes, they will throw out the people who act as unwitting accomplices to intolerable dictators as well as the dictators themselves.

Furthermore, authoritarian regimes like those in Brazil, Guatemala, the Honduras, and Peru, know very well that by promoting missionary activity among conservative fundamentalists, they thereby win the favour of the Reagan administration in the U.S., which is crucial to them since they only persist by the grace of US military and economic assistance. The CIA has even subsidized the cost of hiring expensive public relations firms to make sure the message gets across. And it is to the endless shame of these conservative churches that this propaganda scheme is working.

### Sandinistan record good

The Sandinistas, in spite of several regrettable incidents, have a good human rights record, (see the Amnesty International reports) and have abolished capital punishment *for all offenses*, including "treason." By almost every account, they have the popular support of the people of Nicaragua. And Mr. Antonides knows very well, as the people of Nicaragua do, that the present financial hardships are due to the extraordinarily outrageous actions of the former President Somoza, who personally pocketed more than half of the financial aid that poured into Nicaragua after the terrible earthquake 10 years ago, (and then was welcomed to the US after he was finally deposed).

The Sandinistas are indeed opposed by the privileged hierarchy of the Roman Catholic Church, traditional allies of the army and the extreme right, but the barrio priests and many protestant missionaries, who have everyday contact with the poor and who continue to evangelize, vigorously support this revolution, and do not find their activities restricted in any significant way. These self-less individuals do not fit the caricature of hard-boiled radicals that Mr. Antonides and others wish to draw of them.

But now, according to Rev. Schalkwyk, we are to tell them and the people of Nicaragua that we want to restore the death squads, illiteracy, poverty, oppression, disease, and torture, so that the gospel may be spread more freely.

### Evangelism abroad different?

Thirdly, in an editorial, Mr. Witvoet stated that "Politics is too messy that evangelism should allow itself to get

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door prizes, etc., etc., — mostly very worthy causes. Many of our schools and churches are deeply in debt. Budgets are not being met due to various reasons.

One reason which I, as a retailer, clearly see is: very few of our own people support Christian business. Although I personally am not suffering, it seems to me that you often request donations from the very people you normally bypass in daily life. Eventually it creates resentment amongst some people.

We, who are part of the Christian family, are at present being faced with Sunday store openings and extended shop hours. To what extent, as Christian consumers, should you support those establishments while many of our own brothers and sisters can offer the same? When in need of a service, tradesman, gasoline, cookies, etc. I would urge you to at least consider someone who supports the same causes as you!

We (myself included) must ask ourselves each time before we purchase, "Can I buy this from my Christian brother?" Granted, we cannot be all things to all people but a little more effort to support each other would make for a much healthier base to draw from.

Please think about it. Thank you.

**Ken VanderLaan,**
**Hamilton, Ont.**

## Pontius' Puddle

SOMETIMES I'D LIKE TO ASK GOD WHY HE ALLOWS POVERTY, FAMINE AND INJUSTICE WHEN HE COULD DO SOMETHING ABOUT IT.
WHAT'S STOPPING YOU?
I'M AFRAID GOD MIGHT ASK ME THE SAME QUESTION.

# Society

## The King's students present recitals

*The King's College organ recitalists Simon Dyk, Roberta Van Huizen, and Richard Van der Woude*

EDMONTON, Alta. — Three students from The King's College here will be performing a series of six organ recitals in Alberta and Southern Ontario. Roberta Van Huizen, Simon Dyk and Richard Van der Woude hope to raise funds through these recitals to finance a study of organs in The Netherlands.

The organ study is being offered through Dordt College, Sioux Center, Iowa and enrolment is limited to seven students. Participants will be required to perform organ repertoire on historic instruments in Amsterdam, Zwolle, Alkmaar, Haarlem, Groningen, Dordrecht and other places in The Netherlands. The itinerary includes concerts, church services and visits to organ building workshops. Instructors for this three-and-a-half week study are Mr. Chris Teeuwsen, a recent graduate of the Sweelinck Conservatorium in Amsterdam, and a Dordt College Alumnus, and Dr. Joan Ringerwole, professor of Music at Dordt College.

The three students will provide audiences with program emphasizing in particular the organ music of J.S. Bach whose tercentenary is being celebrated this year. Other repertoire will include organ music by Dietrich Buxtehude, John Stanley, Felix Mendelssohn, Theodore Dubois, and Edmonton composers Gerhard Krapf and Dr. Jacobus Kloppers. Piano repertoire will be performed at the recitals in Red Deer and Calgary.

The recital itinerary consists of stops in Calgary, Red Deer, and Edmonton, Alberta, and Drayton, Cambridge, and St. Catharines, Ontario.

Both Roberta Van Huizen and Simon Dyk are originally from Ontario — St. Catharines and Cambridge, respectively. Richard Van der Woude is from New Westminster, BC. Each holds church organist positions and studies organ at The King's College — Van der Woude and Van Huizen with Dr. Jacobus Kloppers, and Dyk with Jeremy Spurgeon. (See C.C.'s Calendar of Events for details).

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embroiled in it." Aside from the torturous syntax, this statement strikes me as being difficult to reconcile with our Christian school systems, Redeemer College, the ICS, the CLAC, the CPJ, or, for that matter, the Pro-Life groups.

Do you mean to argue that evangelism should present a different gospel from the one practised at home? If not, how could it be possible for a Christian to rightly keep silent about injustice and oppression, or to speak out against it without becoming "embroiled" in politics?

Liberation Theology is an imperfect response, but a gospel that is not "embroiled" in politics offers only the dubious alternative of cheap grace — a faith that counts for nothing in our day to day lives, and in the end rises and falls with the fortunes of tyrants like Somoza, Pinochet, Marcos, and others.

We are quick to condemn Christians who have finally concluded that the gospel cannot remain neutral in the midst of a life and death struggle for justice — and so slow to provide our own realistic alternative. A careful study of the history of Central America can only lead to this exclamation: in the face of corruption, terrible social inequities, and systematic torture and repression, what do we, in the name of God, stand for?

**Bill Van Dyk,**
**Chatham, Ont**

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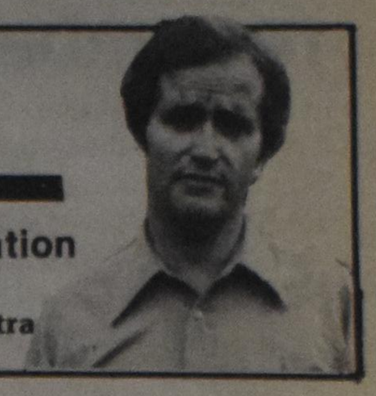
## May 5, 1945 — Our century's most important date

**Cross Examination**
**Bernard Zylstra**



I believe that May 5, 1945, is the most important date in the 20th century. That day meant the end of the Second World War and the defeat of Hitler's Naziism.

The Second World War is the most heinous crime of humanity against itself and the most outrageous defiance of God's good will for mankind. Ending that crime and that defiance on the European front was extremely weighty, simply by itself.

However, the impact of that day is far weightier than the end of the murderous conflict that began in 1939 with Hitler's invasion of Poland.

The real significance of that day consists in the realization on the part of England, France, and Germany that war is futile in settling conflicts among themselves. Since that date these three major powers of old Europe continue to have substantial differences. But they resolve these differences by talking with one another instead of by killing one another. That is an amazing accomplishment if we look at the historical roots of conflict in Western Europe.

These roots go very deep. They go back as far as the collapse of the Roman Empire in the fourth and fifth centuries after Christ. In Western Europe the Rhine was the borderline of the Roman Empire. What today is France belonged to that empire. What today is Germany did not. That difference is still real in the every day lives of people. Frenchmen speak a Romance language, Germans speak a Germanic language. If only the differences had stayed at the level of language! But they didn't!

After the collapse of the Roman Empire in Western Europe, the Christian religion gradually permeated first France, then England, and then Germany. On the basis of this quite fragile unity Charlemagne established his empire in the ninth century embracing great parts of Germany and France. To symbolize that unity he in effect established two capitals — Rheims in France and Aachen in Germany, with a royal chapel in Nijmegen. In the year 800 the pope blessed these efforts towards unity by crowning Charlemagne as emperor of the vast regime embracing most of "barbarian" Europe. But after Charlemagne's death his empire quickly disintegrated, becoming so weak that it became the easy prey of the Viking invaders.

When the Viking threat diminished — again because of the further expansion of the Christian religion into Scandinavia — we see the very slow birth of three nations in northwestern Europe: England, France, and Germany. And now for nearly a 1000 years we see a constant refrain: differences among these new nations are settled by war. In 1066 William the Conqueror from Normandy conquered England. A few centuries later, we have the 100 Years War between France and England. For centuries Germany remained too feudally divided to enter the fray. But after Napoleon invaded Germany in the early years of the last century, Germany responded by becoming a unified nation. And then, throughout the last century, the three great powers exerted their thirst for conquest, not against each other, but in the expansion of their empires in Africa and Asia.

These Imperial conquests finally exploded in the First World War. America interfered to end that war. But still the old European protagonists had not learned their lesson. Within two decades they were at each others' throats once again, this time in an even more deadly, nearly suicidal world conflagration. Again America interfered, even more seriously than in the First World War because Japan had bombed Pearl Harbour in December, 1941.

On May 5, 1945, the European conflict came to an end. A few months later, in August, after the bombing of Hiroshima and Nagasaki, the Pacific conflict also ended.

And from that time we witness a most remarkable development. England, France, and Germany, enemies for a good part of a millennium, and Japan, the warrior island at the edge of Asia, began to see the futility of war. They have not taken up arms against one another for 40 years.

For that we must today thank God.

For that today, those of us of Dutch descent, must thank Canada, which sent its young men to liberate Holland.

We thank God. We also pray. While the great powers of *old* Europe are today no longer a real threat to world peace, the great powers of the new Europe have not learned the lesson of May 5, 1945. By "new Europe" I mean the civilization of the West which extends westward from the Ural Mountains, embracing the Americas, and ending in the Pacific.

Russia and the United States, both rooted in the Christian religion, seeing the exhaustion of England, France, and Germany, moved into the vacuum of power in 1945. Here we see the strangest and the most dangerous paradox of all times: Russia and America do not want to fight one another. They know that a war between them would not only be fratricidal, it would be suicidal. But Russia and America know of only one way to avoid war between them — and that is by an ever-increasing buildup of their nuclear arsenals.

Russia and America have not learned the lesson of May 5, 1945 — to see the futility of war and the futility of avoiding one by means of weapons.

Hence, on May 5 we thank God, and we pray for a change of heart in Washington and Moscow.

*Dr. Zylstra is president of the Institute for Christian Studies in Toronto, Ont.*

# It's a first for Grace and Colleen

**Gerrit Verstraete**

On March 6, 1985, Grace Reinders and Colleen Reinders began the task of recording their first album at Breakthrough Recording Studios in Toronto. Under the direction of Glen Rutledge, musical director of the Revival Hour television broadcast and Queensway Cathedral in Toronto, and Stephen Rutledge, president of Christian Media Management, Grace and Colleen will put their creative talents on 16 tracks of high-tech recording equipment.

The album will feature the voices of Grace and Colleen as well as Colleen at the piano. In addition the recording will include a number of other musicians for piano, bass, guitar, drums, timpani, chimes, and a special string session.

The focus of the album will be praise and worship in the way Colleen and Grace have been teaching praise and worship in many churches throughout Ontario. The album arose out of a need to reach many more people than just the churches they could minister in. The album allows Grace and Colleen to reach a much larger audience as well as give the people, to whom they minister with music, a means to continue the praise and worship right in their homes.

Praise and Worship are not new to Grace and Colleen (incidentally, they're not related eventhough they have the same last name). Colleen Reinders began years before in British Columbia where she was a member of a local music group. In the meantime, Grace Reinders developed a deep love for music with a group in Ontario. In 1982, God called Grace and Colleen to serve together for the sole purpose of teaching people about praise and worship.

The production of this album will enable Grace and Colleen to broaden their horizon even further. Professionally the album will be the best, musically the album will be a delight, and spiritually the album will be a real blessing to God's people and the church.

*Grace Reinders and Colleen Reinders*

It's a first for Colleen and Grace but certainly not the last. Colleen with husband Mike and two daughters lives in Mississauga, where she is a homemaker as well as piano teacher. The family attends the Community Christian Reformed Church of Meadowvale.

Grace Reinders also lives in Mississauga and is assistant elementary school teacher with the Toronto Board of Education. Grace also writes a music column for a number of publications. Because of her involvement with Unity Music Ministries she attends both her home church, the Reformed Church, as well as the Community CRC of Meadowvale.

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# B.C. schools make music

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B.C.'s system of publicly supported schools is eight years old and according to Bullen it has "survived the trauma of birth remarkably well, and the early years without major disaster. The flag of educational freedom continues to fly bravely over the nursery of publicly aided independent schools in beautiful British Columbia." That is the "essence of the message" Bullen wanted to bring to Ontario.

Four years experience in nurturing this new and successful system has convinced Bullen of "the absolute necessity of having a sustaining philosophy," a philosophy that is continuously "rethought, refined, re-established, chewed over, articulated, and publicized, so that it penetrates the thinking of more and more people, particularly people in government itself, and in the schools themselves."

But, says Bullen, we need more than rational arguments; we need a vision, not the selfish war of competing interest groups, but a vision in which the ideal of the common school and a uniform system is slowly, with maturity, reconciled with the ideal of a system of diversity-within-unity.

Bullen suggests that we have tended for too long to think of cultural pluralism in terms of the melting pot and mosaic analogies. "I believe there is a much better analogy, a much better paradigm, a more inspiring vision, when we think of pluralism in education," he says. "It is a dynamic analogy from music."

"Public education systems up to this point in North America can be likened to a form of unison singing," says Bullen. But, he continues, "I firmly believe that we can work out rules of harmony for a system of diversity-within-unity in schooling." Indeed, "singing in harmony is a rich, deeply rewarding experience in music. It is harder than singing in unison, admittedly. It requires, if it is done well, great discipline, and sensitivity in listening to the other parts, not just blazing away on one's own. There is more to it than just holding one's own note, and ploughing ahead.

The Vandezandes gave ample evidence of this a few moments later when they performed a piece by Telemann for flute, violin and piano. Each part, each instrument, and each instrumentalist had its own unique character. Yet, sounding together, there was harmony not discord, the whole being greater than the sum of the parts.

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# Redeemer receives go-ahead for new campus

**Marian Van Til**

HAMILTON, Ont. — The supporting community of three-year-old Redeemer College has approved the construction of a $13 million campus on 76 acres in Ancaster, Ontario. The decision came at the college's annual membership meeting on April 13. There were perhaps three-four dissenting votes among the 450 members present.

Members viewed plans for the campus which will initially accommodate up to 500 students. Current enrolment at the rented Beach Boulevard campus is a crowded 210, with 13 full-time and 23 part-time faculty.

The college administration has carefully devised several methods to raise needed funds and cut costs. Among those are R.R.S.P. accounts administered through the college, and requesting supporters to donate any number of square feet of the campus at $60 per square foot, the average amount it will cost to build the new college. The college will also ask Christian business and construction people for bids on work to be done, or for provision of materials at cost.

Construction will begin in the next few months; the college hopes to begin its 1986 academic year at the new campus.

Board Chairman Nick Van Duyvendyk's words were echoed by many, "This is an historic day for our Reformed community in Canada."

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# Church

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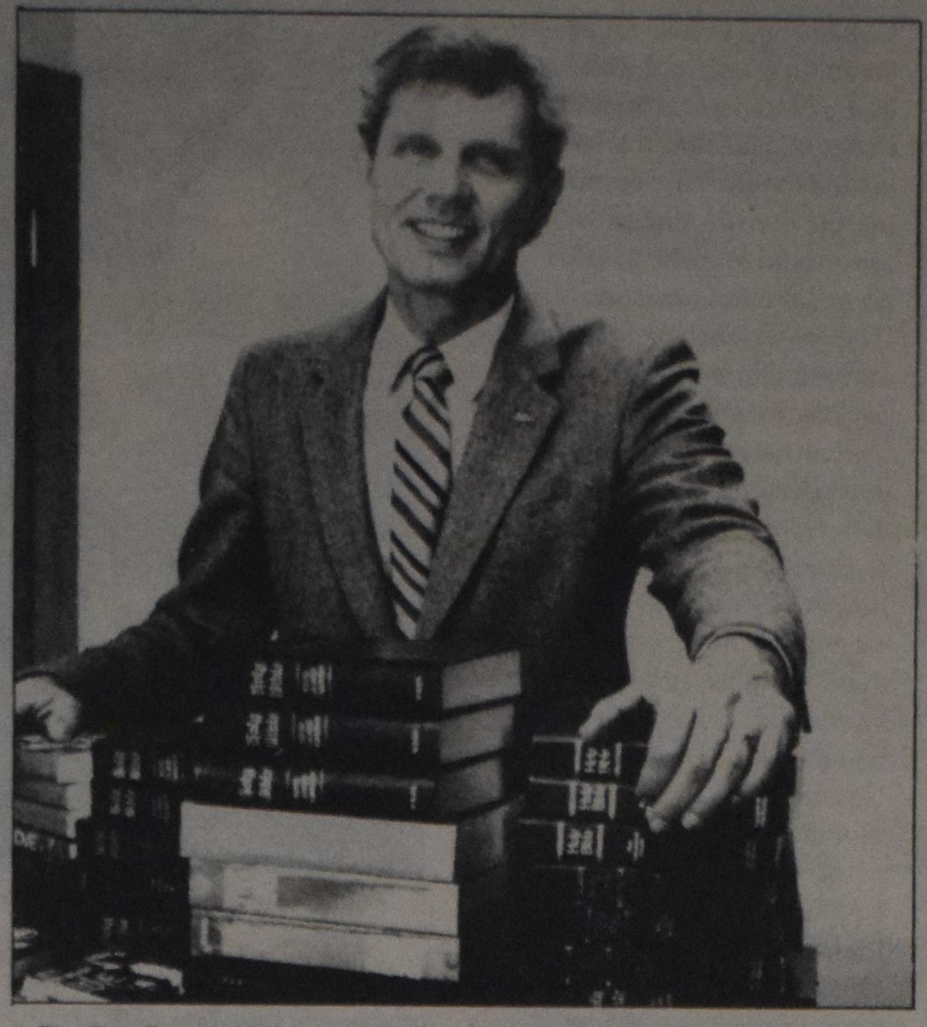
## Former missionary named director of Bible League



*The Rev. Dennis Mulder recently was appointed International Director of the World Home Bible League, one of the largest Scripture distribution organizations in the world.*

SOUTH HOLLAND, Ill. — The Rev. Dennis M. Mulder, 42, formerly a missionary in Africa and in Taiwan, has been appointed International Director of the World Home Bible League, one of the largest Bible distribution organizations in the world. Mulder will oversee the distribution of millions of Scriptures in 73 countries around the world.

The Rev. Mulder is minister in the Christian Reformed Church. Prior to joining the staff of the World Home Bible League in 1976, he served as a missionary in Taiwan, where he learned to speak and read Taiwanese. In 1968 he served for a year as a missionary-teacher in Nigeria, West Africa.

The main project attracting the new director's attention is a Scripture distribution campaign in Brazil that is expected to put a special edition of the New Testament, 25 million in all, in the hands of every junior high and high school in the country.

Mulder also will oversee programs in India, Australia, Taiwan and other countries in the Far East, Africa, and Latin American countries.

During its 47-year history, the World Home Bible League has placed about 22 million Bibles, New Testaments, Gospels, and other Scripture compilations in homes around the world. The League's Canadian counterpart is headquartered in Weston, Ontario.

The retirement of Dr. William Ackerman, for 35 years the director of the South Holland-based organization, created the opening for a new International Director. Dr. Ackerman expects to continue with the organization as an advisor and "troubleshooter."

Mulder grew up on a farm near Renville, Minnesota. He was graduated from Calvin College and Seminary, in Grand Rapids, Michigan in 1969. Dennis Mulder and his wife, Sharon Meyer, have three sons. They make their home in South Holland, Illinois, where they have lived since the Rev. Mulder joined the staff of the World Home Bible League in 1976.

## Baptist joint committee will examine Sanctuary Movement

WASHINGTON, D.C. (EP) — A special task force of the Baptist Joint Committee on Public Affairs (BJCPA) will examine the religious liberty implications of the Sanctuary Movement, but will not seek to evaluate the movement itself.

Among the questions that may be studied by the task force are whether government agents have the right to carry recorders into church services to gather evidence to prosecute those harboring illegal aliens, and whether the government has a right to regulate the church's activities relating to Sanctuary.

At least two BJCPA board members opposed the creation of a task force to study the Sanctuary Movement. Samuel T. Currin, U.S. Attorney for the Eastern District of North Carolina in Raleigh, said "Anyone who participates in an illegal activity should be prepared to suffer the consequences."

Also opposing the task force was J.I. Ginnings, a business-man from Wichita Falls, Texas, who said "I do not believe we want to see our money spent on anything that opposes the legitimate carrying out of the laws of the United States. The Sanctuary issue is 'Will the government be permitted to enforce its immigration laws?"

William R. Estep, a professor at Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary in Fort Worth, Texas, said "We are not taking a position for or against Sanctuary." Lloyd Elder, president of the Southern Baptist Sunday School Board, said "The only reason to pursue this is the First Amendment question. It will not be a study of the Sanctuary Movement."

## Signs of denominational decline

One denomination, recently experiencing a slump in membership, decided to do an intensive self-study, supplemented by reading the histories of other denominations that had started as revival movements. What trends led to or pointed out the decline in a church's life and growth? The report identified eight warning signs:

1) The denomination became an end in itself instead of working towards a larger purpose. Instead of remaining dynamic, it became a mechanical institution.

2) Churches continued with outdated programs that had lost their vitality.

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Pastoral Pondering

## Songs my mother taught me?

**Henry De Bolster**

One of the worst results of sin is the increasing individualism we see around us. We hear constant reference to "number one" — the person himself or herself as the one for whom everything else needs to be moved out of the way. People try to get the most and the best for themselves. Whether that is to the detriment of somebody else is not very important.

When this happens in a world which does not acknowledge the redeeming power of Jesus Christ, you might say, "What else do you expect?"

When it begins to happen in the church we must look twice and ask ourselves if we're aware that this attitude has crept in. Individualism within the church doesn't only effect *persons*. Within the *family* of churches in a denomination it is also a danger — a danger which prohibits the unity of the Church from coming to full expression.

I have two examples in mind which I believe those of us who are Christian Reformed ought to take to heart.

First, I refer to the increased use of unauthorized hymnbooks in church services. Of course all CRC's have the *Psalter Hymnal*. That is one sign of the unity we have as a Christian Reformed Church. No matter where you go through the United States or Canada, when you visit a Christian Reformed Church you can be sure that you will see that blue book in the pew. And you will be able to join in communal praise with the other worshippers, wherever you are.

Over the last number of years, however, more and more churches have made up their own little songbooks. Now, if you enter a Christian Reformed Church, you will not necessarily be acquainted with the songs you are asked to sing. And you may question their theology and/or music.

The diversity of these songbooks is more an expression of an individual group of believers within a certain congregation than a communal confession expressing our unity within the church.

I wonder where these books have come from. Some say they surfaced because many of the songs in the *Psalter Hymnal* are old-fashioned and it's about time we have some up-to-date songs. If that's the case, let's work on it together: there is a synodically-appointed committee hard at work on revising the *Psalter Hymnal*. The committee will be reporting on its work this year, and, it is hoped, will give a final report next year in anticipation of the publication of a new *Psalter Hymnal*.

Others say that once in a while we just need a different song for a special occasion. If that's the case, why not use the bulletin for that purpose? We seem to have forgotten the instruction of the CRC Church Order in Article 52 where we read:

*The consistory shall see it to that the synodically approved Bible versions, liturgical forms and songs are used ...*

That is clear and simple language. Why are we departing more and more from that direction? And why is it that nobody seems to care?

I'm afraid this is not simply a sign of diversity, freedom of opinion, or freedom of choice within the framework of the Reformed confessions and the Christian Reformed Church Order. I believe it's more a sign of individualism than anything else.

The Church Order urges that things be done "decently and in good order." I believe one of the areas this applies to is the maintaining of denominational unity in the singing of common songs.

**Next week: A second example of individualism in the church.**

*Rev. De Bolster of Redeemer College and associate pastor of the Burlington, Ont. Christian Reformed Church.*

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## Church News

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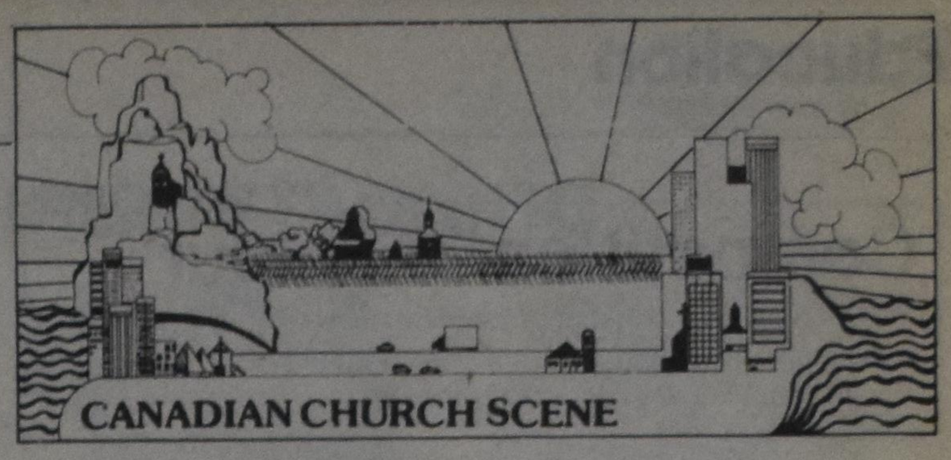


# Spread the Gospel — it is urgent!

**Johan D. Tangelder**

Since our return from the Philippines, where we served as missionaries, we have often wondered about the place of missions in the hearts and minds of our fellow believers. Is missions seen only as the hobby of a few members of the church elected to serve in an "evangelism committee"? Has the sense of urgency been lost? Has complacency set in? I raise these questions only out of concern for the missionary task of the church. A church that does not wholeheartedly engage in missions cannot expect growth and is disobedient to the Great Commission (Matthew 28:19-20).

Why the lack of urgency? Do we still believe in the lostness of man outside of Jesus Christ? Greg Livingstone, of the North Africa Mission, tells of his conversation with a Christian elder in Lebanon. Livingstone asked, "Don't you care that these Arab Muslims are going to hell?" The elder responded, "Well, brother, between you and me, that probably is the best place for them." An abominable answer! Robertson McQuilkin, who served 12 years as church planter and educator in Japan, comments, "When the shock of such a response passes, we know in the depths of our spirit that this is precisely the way the church of Jesus Christ in each generation has behaved, no matter what the rhetoric."

Why are we not more concerned? We are busy in our churches with many affairs. We discuss issues ranging from women in ecclesiastical office to liturgy and what constitutes missions. And these concerns are legitimate. But we may not become so preoccupied with so many diverse interests that we lose sight of God's main interest — His desire that none should perish (Ezekiel 33:11).

## Acid rain of indifference

Missionary work has never been easy. The church has always faced opposition. And especially today many point out all the obstacles facing the advance of the Gospel. From a human point of view, the task seems nearly impossible. The acid rain of religious indifference has taken its deadly toll.

The onslaught of secular humanism has been fierce. And there seems to be no let-up. The growth of the church has been in the pre-modern world, the underdeveloped countries; the losses are in the modern Western world. In the latter the defections from the Christian faith are now rising at the rate of 1,820,500 former Christians a year or 7,600 church attenders daily. An alarming statistic!

The losses in the West more than outweigh the gains made even in Africa and Asia. The Christian's share of the world's population is shrinking. Just recently I read the disheartening fact that one of every two persons on planet earth lives in a tribe or language group that has no evangelizing church at all. If someone does not go there to spread the Gospel, they will never have the chance to hear about Jesus even once! But man's impossibilities become God's opportunities.

Today the church is confronted, as in no preceding generation, with a literally world-wide opportunity to make Christ known. Where do we begin with missions? For years mission work was done abroad. Mission boards were called Foreign Mission Boards. The church went to the unreached in far away places. Missionaries pioneered. When they returned home for their furlough, they drew crowds. They had exciting stories to tell about exotic countries, cultures and peoples.

But now they are located in our own countries, perhaps in our towns. When we think about frontier missions we still have in mind grass huts or log cabins, missionaries preaching the Gospel in the shade of a palm tree. But the frontiers are now right where we are. In our own country there are multitudes who have never

*Johan D. Tangelder*

been touched by the Gospel because of their language and culture.

Canada is no longer predominantly white, Anglo-Saxon or French. Refugees and immigrants from Asia and the West Indies have changed Canada's religious and cultural mosaic.

One of the smallest refugee movements in Canada, and one of the most unique, comes from Tibet. There are some 400 of them, mostly in Lindsay, Belleville, Toronto areas of Ontario, with a few families in Montreal, Quebec and Vancouver, BC. They are all Buddhist, who revere the Dalai Lama as the 14th reincarnation of Buddha.

## Mission at home

The world is at our doorstep. What a challenge! At times I have been told that we don't need to go out and witness. The doors of the church are open for anyone who wishes to enter. But Jesus never said that we must wait for people to enter through the doors of the church. We must go through the doors of the church, out into the world, to proclaim the Good news of salvation.

If we really care about Christ's mission mandate to the church, then we will put missions back in its rightful place, in the center of the church's planning and prayers. This is not the time for timidity, but for boldness.

Malcolm Muggeridge, with his keen eye for things eternal, and with his sharp pen, observed, "Most contemporary Christian missionaries preface any remarks they may have to make about their work by saying that they would never dream of suggesting that Christianity is to be preferred to other religions, and look back with pitying patronage at their predecessors who took more literally the command to go and preach the gospel through the world."

Muggeridge has a point. In the past missionaries have done splendid work in often most trying circumstances without all the helps, technology and equipment modern missionaries have available. They had a vision for the lost. They left home and hearth in obedience to the Great Commission.

May we be spurred on by a holy sense of urgency. "Today is the day of salvation." If this is true, the church cannot wait for tomorrow to bring the Gospel. I hope that today's church will recapture this sense of mission urgency. And where does she begin? The frontiers are in our communities!

*Johan Tangelder is pastor of the Christian Reformed Church in Strathroy, Ont.*

# Signs of denominational decline

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3) They focused more on the visible aspects of church life than on the invisible.
4) Self-continuity became a higher priority than that of proclaiming the gospel.
5) It became more important that beliefs were orthodox than that they were truly experienced in believers' lives.
6) In many areas, quantity became more valued than quality.
7) Programs conformed to a standard format instead of expressing initiative and creativity.
8) Increasing dependence on professional clergy and use of liturgy in worship led to declining lay participation.

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# Education

*Henry de Jong, page editor*

Chalkmarks

## Competition in colour

School spirit among staff and students is very important for an educational institution. It not only fosters a friendly sort of competition, but also encourages good sportsmanship and loyalty to the school.

In order to develop school spirit, Knox decided last year to begin a system of house colours. Upon enrolment at Knox, students are assigned one of four colours: orange, red, blue, or green. They remain on the same colour team as long as they are at Knox. As a result, each colour has members from kindergarten through grade eight. Although there may be senior and junior teams within a colour, (e.g. in floor hockey), the points they individually accumulate go to their colours as a whole.

Throughout the school year, students gain points for their colour team by participating in various activities. Some of the activities are competitive sports, but participation is as important as competition. At our hobby fair, for instance, students who bring hobbies for viewing earn a participation point for their colours. Students who took part in the cross country run earned participation points no matter where they finished in the race. Other activities students can participate in are poster and writing contests (e.g. Remembrance Day or world hunger).

At the end of the school year, the points are totalled. The members of the colour team with the most points are awarded a crest of their particular colour with K.C.S. and the date inscribed. Last year, green was awarded the crest, although orange was not far behind.

So far this year students have enthusiastically taken part in the cross-country run and the hobby fair. For something different, grades five, six and seven had an airplane competition in the gym, which turned out to be a grand success.

The enthusiasm shown for this house colour system has met and surpassed all our expectations. We feel that the competition is healthy and the participation eager and wholehearted.

**Jeanette Vroom,**
**Knox Christian School, Observer**
**Bowmanville, Ont.**

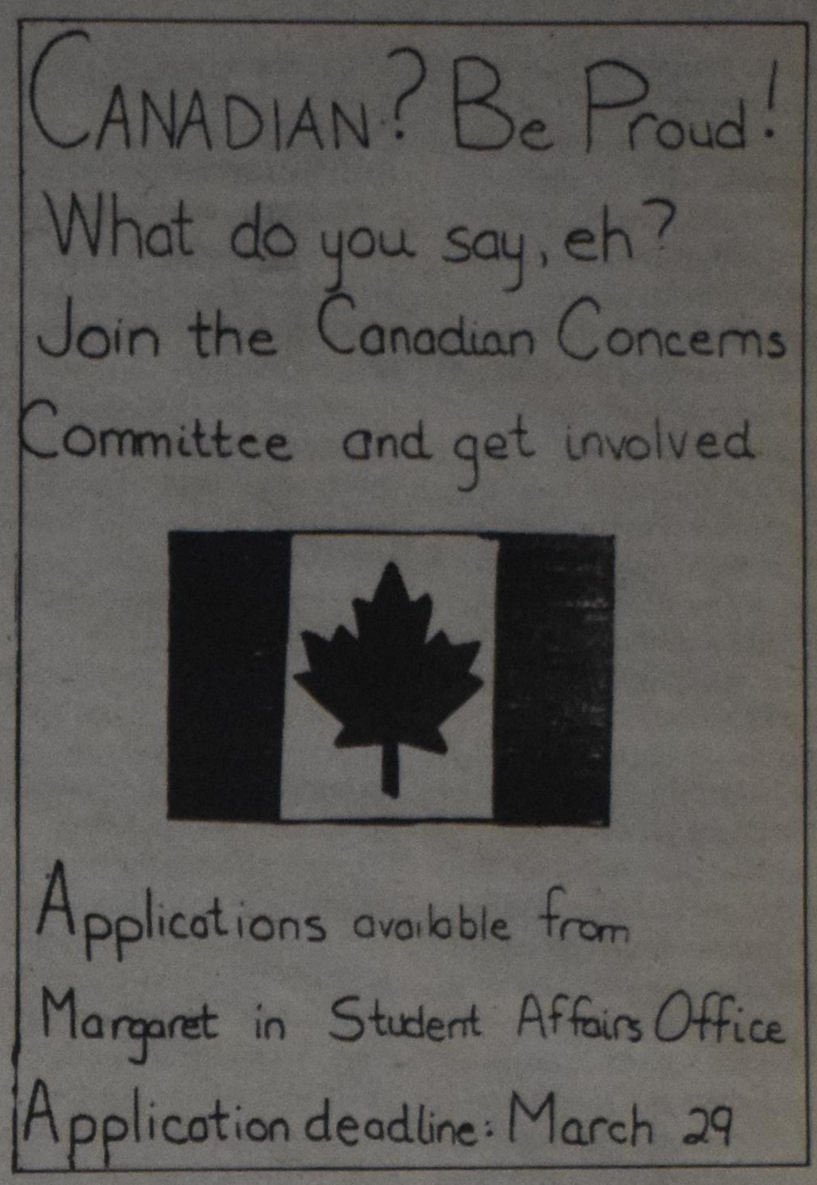
## Calvin College committee specializes in Canadian concerns

GRAND RAPIDS, Mich. — For a few years now Canadian students at Calvin have had an informal organization called the Canadian Concerns Committee to deal with situations that are peculiar to a Canadian student at Calvin College.

Although there are many similarities to Canadian academic situations — many also stemming from common ethnic and denominational backgrounds — there are differences, some of which present tensions and pose problems to Canadian students on the Calvin campus. Some of the most pressing areas of concern are acquiring work permits, maintaining correct status as an international student, border crossing, and difficulty in achieving full credits for Calvin courses when transferred to Canada.

In dealing with these problems there has been much contact with the administration. Periodically the College will survey attitudes and opinions of Canadian students in order to make their academic, religious, and social experiences more rewarding and fulfilling. One immediate benefit has been a re-evaluation of student aid for Canadian (and international) students. There is also a heightened awareness of the Canadian culture by professors at Calvin, especially in the area of History, English, and Sociology. It is also felt that Canadian students should make every effort, either in writing or in dialogue, to acquaint their American counterparts with Canada.

The College' stance is that Christians should not allow nationalism to divide them, but rather view all nationalities as one in Christ.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## Teaching values Whose perspective?

Recently our staff attended the Woodstock District meeting of The Ontario Christian Schools Teacher's Association in London. We were challenged by a speaker, Mr. Arch Andrews, a social worker, to think about "values." Questions such as: Who determines a value? and how do values become normative? were discussed.

The speaker placed a great deal of blame on the media for a decrease of moral values. The TV, for example, by illustrating violence and extra marital activity (for the sake of love) condones such action. Since the majority of the viewers accept this practice, this becomes a value that is normative.

He used the popular "Dukes of Hazard" show to illustrate another example. The Duke boys are shown to be superior solvers of crime, far better than the clumsy and stupid (perhaps even corrupt) policeman. The TV show indicates that it is acceptable to lead a police vehicle in a chase even though it may lead to the crash and destruction (and it usually does) of a police vehicle. Why not? They never get hurt!

The value learned here is: (a) that many can get; and (b) that to have police vehicles end up in destruction as a result of a police chase is acceptable and encouraged because it looks humorous. The speaker suggested that perhaps the teenager who rammed a police vehicle thus killing a police officer north of Toronto may have then realized the seriousness of his "value" and consequently committed suicide.

To be in the presence of hardened criminals on a daily basis, I imagine, would probably influence one's perspective of life and its values. Prisons are known to be breeding grounds in which petty criminals can become potential murderers. Recent events in Canada in which six police officers have had their lives ended abruptly and violently by former inmates show the value of those who have spent time within Canada's correctional (a misnomer, of course) institutes.

Although the citizens of Ontario and Quebec react with horror to these murders, the "citizens" of our prisons will undoubtedly react in a different way. There, many peers of those who perform violent crimes have little value for the sanctity of life and will label those who "waste" policemen as heroes. I think these values are encouraged in our TV shows. The consequences that are portrayed in these shows are ignored and are not feared by violent offenders.

I am grateful to be part of the Christian education scene. It is a necessity for me to teach in a school where God is shown to students as a Giver of life in all aspects of education. God shows His love to us by providing a means for students to learn as convenantal children what it means to serve others in an unselfish manner. This contrasts the pragmatic and individualistic values within the public school sector. Values can be learned in any type of environment. Thank the Lord for a Christian school environment for our youth."

**Mr. Andy Bouma,**
**Woodstock John Knox**
**Christian School**

## For a child who's struggling at school

Dear Lord, please bless this child and give him understanding.

Break down the barriers that are keeping him from grasping these skills, this knowledge. Stir and awaken his now dreaming mind.

Bless his books. Let your power and love work through them to excite and delight him so that their message is clear and strong.

Bless his tools — his paper and pencils and crayons, so that they become lovely and sure, a source of joy to his hands.

Bless his teacher. Give her patience. Give her understanding. Give her the ability to guide him out of dark confusion into the light of comprehension and command.

Bless us, his mother and father. Help us to help him by being smarter ourselves. Halt our sometimes scolding tongues. Check our worry and concern. Fill us with so much pride in him — and so much faith in you — that he will feel it as a mighty force that encourages and moves him on.

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# Family

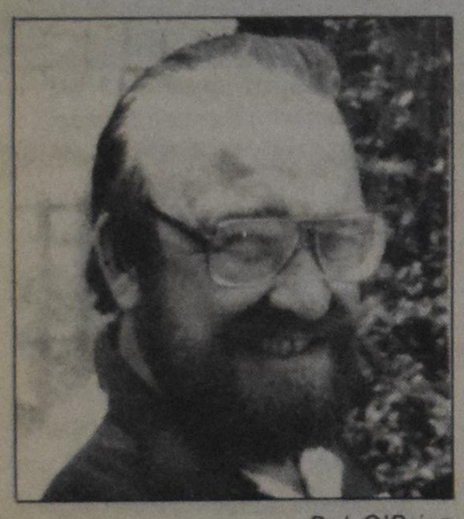
# Salem workshops promote self-understanding

**Marian Van Til, from a report by Sylvia De Vries**

The recent 23rd Annual Meeting of the Salem Christian Mental Health Association offered attendees four workshops designed to enhance self-understanding and one's understanding of his or her relationships with others.

## Christian identity and self-esteem

Bob O'Brien, counsellor at Salem's Kingston, Ontario clinic, offered a session on "Christian Identity and Self-Esteem."



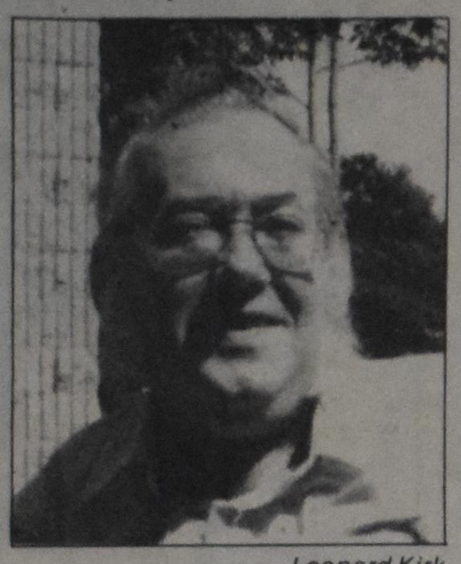
*Bob O'Brien*

O'Brien worked with Eric Erikson's definition of identity which stresses a person's ability to integrate early concepts of life with later intellectual and emotional experiences. Properly integrated, a sense of rightness about what a person does and comfort about who he or she is emerges.

O'Brien suggested that experiencing unconditional love — particularly in the parent-child relationship and in one's relation to God — makes this integration process easier. The process, however, is still a struggle, said O'Brien. He then outlined this struggle and pointed out how it "connects" to our status as new creations in Christ.

## Enhancing family relationships

Leonard Kirk and Jean Morrison of the St. Catharines, Ontario clinic discussed "Enhancing Family Relationships." Kirk and



*Leonard Kirk*

Morrison initially pointed out facts that everyone knows but needs to be reminded of occasionally: relationships help to define the quality of our lives, and primary family relationships are susceptible to pressure from both within and without.

The workshop then examined hindrances to communication, feelings, fighting "fairly," and respecting differences — issues in family interaction which are vital to healthy, intimate relationships.

*Jean Morrison*

## Helping a friend in crisis

Methods of "Helping a Friend in Crisis" were put forward by Willowdale clinic counsellor Jan Yeaman. Yeaman based her suggestions on the ideas of Paul Welter. The presentation focused on three vital areas: how to recognize the various levels of difficulty a friend may be experiencing, effective helping responses to those problems, and — a key factor — how to identify when one needs to get professional help.

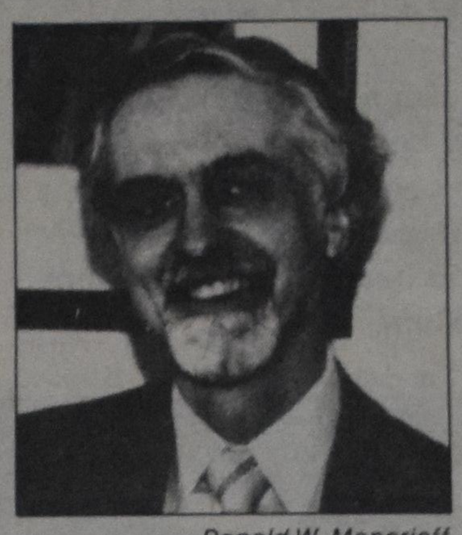
*Jan Yeaman*

## Anger and rage

Donald W. Moncrieff of the Willowdale, Ontario clinic tackled a subject which seems to be much misunderstood by Christians and gave it a bold title — "Anger and Rage: Message Carriers from the Lord."

Moncrieff likened life to a journey on which we continually give outward expression to that which is happening within. Two such expressions are anger and rage. He viewed rage as "primitive" while seeing anger as more sophisticated. There is a progression from one to the other if we develop "authentically" the way the Lord intended.

Moncrieff said legitimate anger needs authentic expression. He held up Jesus' anger at the money changers in the temple as an ideal "truthful" expression of anger. Truthful expression of anger is an art developed over years of experience, maintained Moncrieff. But he also pointed out that when people are out of harmony with God's way (evidenced, for example, in an egocentric personality) they are not ready to hear, making it impossible to "get the truth out" without setting oneself up for pain and rejection. Right thinking (harmony with God's way) however, will tend to harmonize with truthful expression of anger, Moncrieff concluded.



*Donald W. Moncrieff*

# Cinema Summaries

**Marian Van Til**

## Desperately Seeking Susan

*Rated* **A***dult* **A***ccompaniment*
*Stars Rosanna Arquette, Madonna, Aiden Quaid*
*Directed by Susan Seidelman*

*Desperately Seeking Susan* is a farce, a genre not used very successfully nor very often in films anymore. It is populated with real, albeit slightly weird people, who find themselves in outlandish situations; therein lies its humour.

Arquette sweetly plays a thoroughly bored housewife named Roberta who takes to reading the Personals in a national tabloid. She begins to keep track of the messages a couple send to each other to arrange meetings. The ads are signed, "Desperately Seeking Susan." As it turns out, Susan (played by rock star Madonna) is a freewheeling, moderately daffy punker who can't seem to stay in one place for more than a week. Through a series of improbable comic actions, Roberta finds Susan, suffers amnesia through a blow to the head, thinks she *is* Susan, lives Susan's unconventional life for a while (while the real Susan becomes attracted to Roberta's quiet suburbia), falls in love, and, after another headblow which restores her own personality, teams up with Susan to capture some low-life museum thieves who have been tailing them because they unwittingly have possession of some priceless Egyptian earrings. (Whew!) in the process, Roberta's life is rejuvenated and suburbia (and her oblivious, colourless husband) are abandoned.

This film is good-natured and gentle. At the same time it takes for granted certain contemporary secular values — the justification of adultery and a narcissistic "do what's right for you" mentality which downplays responsibility to others. Probably few readers past the age of 30 will relate well to the far-out world of the New York City subculture the film's characters inhabit.

# Question, please! OAAIS responds

In response to the Ontario Association of Alternative and Independent Schools' submission to the Shapiro Commission, Dr. Bernard Shapiro posed some additional questions to OAAIS. Here follows one of these questions and the answer that OAAIS has given in *A Supplementary Submission* to the commission.

**In what ways does the independent school sector serve the disadvantaged?**

The Commission of Inquiry has a wealth of first hand information confirming OAAIS' assertion — supported by data — that independent schools serve a broad socio-economic base. 17.3 percent of OAAIS member households served have a total annual income of less than $20,000. Since another 40 percent of households are in the $20,000 to $30,000 range, it is clear that a substantial number of low and middle income families send their children to independent schools. Over and above this service to families of modest means, the independent sector also has an outstanding record of response to the needs of children with learning disabilities.

Where some independent schools may fail, however, is in their capacity to serve a full share of the very poor, the truly disadvantaged and the hard-to-serve. Given adequate grant support and incentives to enter this field, a number of existing school communities would gladly respond to the challenge. Furthermore, we know of teachers and groups who believe that the best way to serve this segment of the population is in small, independent schools staffed by sensitive, similarly dedicated people. The Commissioner might consider, as part of his report, special start-up provisions to encourage such teachers and groups to translate their convictions with concrete forms of educational practice targetted on the less fortunate body of students.

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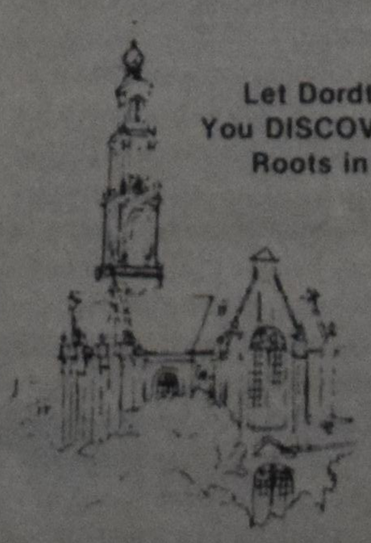
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# Feature

## Can the church keep its youth?

**Henry Wildeboer**

While "Church Visiting" with a Consistory when still in Alberta, a youth elder began the discussion about spiritual vitality in the congregation. With urgency he asked us, "What can we do to get our youth to come to church and become involved with congregational life and worship?"

An interesting conversation resulted.

*"How many young people do you have?"*

*"About 50 to 60."*

*"How many come to church in the morning?"*

*"Most of them."*

*"How many come at night?"*

*"Few, if any."*

*"Why don't they come?"*

*"They're bored."*

*"Why don't you make some changes at least in the evening services?"*

*"Then some of the older folks will get upset and they'll stay home."*

Without going into further detail, it became obvious that this church, as many others, had made a trade-off. Without realizing it, they had decided that it would be worse to upset some of the members, then to lose most of the youth. Reason? Because youth will quietly drop out, whereas some older members would raise a ruckus if things do not go their way. And many of our youth know well that that's the way the system works in many of our churches.

### Youth can be held

Though as pastors and council in a former congregation, (First CRC, Calgary) we made many mistakes, one thing we learned and know with certainty is that ... the CRC **can** reach her youth, hold them, minister to them and lead them to commitment and service to Jesus Christ. We learned that though our youth may portray a lack of interest in the established church, they are certainly eager to know the Lord and to enjoy His life and presence in their daily journeys. They are looking for worship that relates to them, takes seriously their situation in life, and communicates to a friend (girlfriend/boyfriend) who might have a background other than the CRC.

As we struggled with this, we began to make changes in the evening worship service. Besides solid teaching and preaching we specifically determined and planned activities to build up the fellowship and increase the overall participation. We developed a prayer and share time, encouraged the sharing of "testimonies" and added much in the area of music and praise using "psalms, hymns and spiritual songs" and a variety of instruments: strings, brass, drums as well as piano and organ.

As we were making changes we found young people from all over Canada, who had almost given up on the church, come and give us "a chance." If the service "touched" them, they might return. If it did not, we would probably not see them again, until we received a letter from some pastor or parent asking us to look up ...

By then, in many instances, it was too late. The secular spirit of self-centred living had set in so deeply that it was virtually impossible to extricate them out of a world which moved quite well for them without the regular involvement or worship of the God of their parents.

It became a challenge for us to prepare worship services that met the needs of twentieth century, secularized, church-raised, covenant youth.

We were constantly aware of the fact that in the congregation would likely be a number of people for whom that worship service meant, "giving God one more chance!" Praise God, a large number were helped in such a setting. However, we also sensed that the percentage of CRC youth reached in the area and city was likely less than 50%. And that caused deep grief, firstly for many parents, for us as church leaders and for God Himself as our covenant Father.

In the process a number of things were learned. I share them for further discussion and reflection.

### Relational Christianity

Youth are more interested in a Christianity that helps them develop meaningful relationships than in one that answers their theological or doctrinal questions. They want to be listened to and need to experience in the depth of their hearts that their hungry cries and tentative suggestions are taken seriously and that they are truly heard. They may not verbalize all that well what they are looking for, nevertheless, they *feel* deeply a concern for their church and a love for their Lord.

Many wonder whether adults really believe that? Their overwhelming desire for true friendships (as indicated in the National Survey ... 75% put friendship on the top of the list of needs) should make us open and eager to develop relationships with them and set up activities that draw them into situations where friendships may be established and grow.

Many children and youth (perhaps adults too) report that the first reason for coming to church is for the purpose of "seeing your friends." They want a relationship with God and with others that is open, honest, and one that includes support and encouragement, correction and admonishment when that is required. It shows in "Come on man, say it like it is!"

They want to be heard eventhough not always heeded. They want to be taken seriously although that does not mean that they want our agreement or even approval. "Hear me, be a friend, take me seriously and let me feel that I count." Contact with God is made real through contact with God's people. A word of encouragement, recognition, appreciation, a hug around the shoulders or a mere, genuine smile nurtures relationships that create strength and give positive outlooks for youth as well as for the rest of us.

The beautiful experience of accepting, loving relationships with others, opens us up for a deepening relationship to God. Youth who are at the stage in life where they are struggling with the matter of self-esteem, acceptance and identity are greatly helped in church fellowships where relationships are more than merely superficial. Growing, honest relationships open youth up for more of God's love and will for their lives.

### Reformational Gospel

Young people, being rather practical, want to see a Christianity that works. Does the Gospel (all the preaching, teaching, reading and writing that we do) make any real difference in the way we live? Are our lives being shaped by the "good news"? Is "Reformed" a past tense word, the way it sounds, or is it a living, ongoing reality? Are we locked into systems and patterns that make little difference to the world around us? Are we still reforming? And if not, are we then still Reformed?

Youth groups that seem to portray vitality will be doing Bible studies, but those will be done in the context of various ministries. Their energy level demands action besides discussion. Youth ministries that are effective include a steady portion of service and outreach to others. The greater and the more demanding the challenge, the more interested many of them will be.

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On the surface, young people may well demonstrate a measure of disinterest in Catechism and Bible studies. It might be due to the fact that many of them simply do not see how the studies relate to life and the tremendous needs around them.

## Feature

# How to grow old graciously

**Amy Geisterfer**

Aging is a natural, life-long process that should be accepted with courage and grace. With an attitude of optimism and confidence one should approach the process of growing older into senior citizens of the community. Aging can be embraced with vision and hope.

What counts is the motivation to accept aging as something belonging to our humanity. This is a positive motivation all of us need throughout life. If we cannot take such a positive attitude, we will lose out on much joy and happiness in the golden era of our life. If one cannot accept aging, one is bound to take a negative attitude towards it. And it is this negative approach that makes old age look like a grey shadowy end of the human life cycle where we slowly lose our best self.

### Accept self to accept life

The human life cycle can be compared to a wagon wheel. Its spokes represent the different stages in our life. One stage is not more important than the other; indeed, they are equally important. Paul Tournier defines the life cycle this way. "Our life cycle is our greatest vocation. It is our contribution to the ongoing process of human growth."

We all have only one life cycle to live. In fact we are born to die. As we enter this world, we are what we are given with the challenge to make the best of it. In order to fulfil this challenge, we must accept ourselves.

What age we are is very important to each of us. To cherish one's own body and sex is beautiful. As parents we sometimes hear our children say, "I hate myself." We should not react to this, instead we may use the opportunity to talk with our children about learning to accept oneself. If we fail to recognize this important aspect of the self, we may well stimulate early in life a negative attitude to life itself. It may well be in the beginning of that grey shadowy dark picture of old age.

We should instill in our young the need to have vision and hope all through their journey here on earth.

### Accept others to give life

We have to teach and practise what we teach by accepting our parents, our spouse and children as they are. We have to learn to accept one another as a means of self-acceptance.

We hear a great deal about divorce and child abuse. We are shocked about the latter and with reluctance accept the former. We sense in these matters human loneliness and abuse. At the same time we discover in ourselves an intolerance as it comes to the fore in others.

As it pertains to marriage the question arises, "Where did our love and loyalty for each other go? Have we forgotten to uphold each other's dignity, and forgive each other without end?"

It becomes more tragic when child abuse is being practised. Have we no respect for young life that needs our protection? are we jealous of youth because we dread and fear growing old?

We must fight unceasingly against the dark powers of negative thinking, of attitudes that bespeak of discontent and despair. Life is not a property to be defended, but a gift to be shared. We must learn to share our happiness and sorrows with others, learn also to listen to the other. It is in giving ourselves that we receive.

### Live today well

Whether we are young, middle-aged or in our later years, aging should never be something to be afraid of or hidden. It should be understood by the younger and affirmed by the older as a meaningful and rewarding pursuit of life, as a process of growth in which the mystery of life is slowly revealed to us.

Maturing to old age can be made into something beautiful and challenging. Of course, we do not necessarily have to accept every setback that we experience in life with a smile on our face, as though it does not pain us. But we must watch out that these setbacks in our life cycle will not be seen as misfortunes, which make our earthly pilgrimage a fatalistic one.

Aging is something we have in common with all men and women. We should cherish the many beautiful memories of yesterday and share our maturing into old age with a zest for life and a positive attitude towards aging as the poet Henry Nouwen so nicely described it:

*"Yesterday is already a dream and tomorrow is only a vision: but today well lived makes every yesterday a dream of happiness and every tomorrow a vision of hope."*

### Society rejects old people

A vast majority of people today live their life cycle without much hope or vision. They experience fear of not being able to live up to the expectations of an environment in which you are what you can produce. In a society whose basic interest is in profit, an old person is looked upon as having passed the line of productivity. Thus the elderly are tolerated but no longer taken seriously. Florida Scott-Maxwell writes:

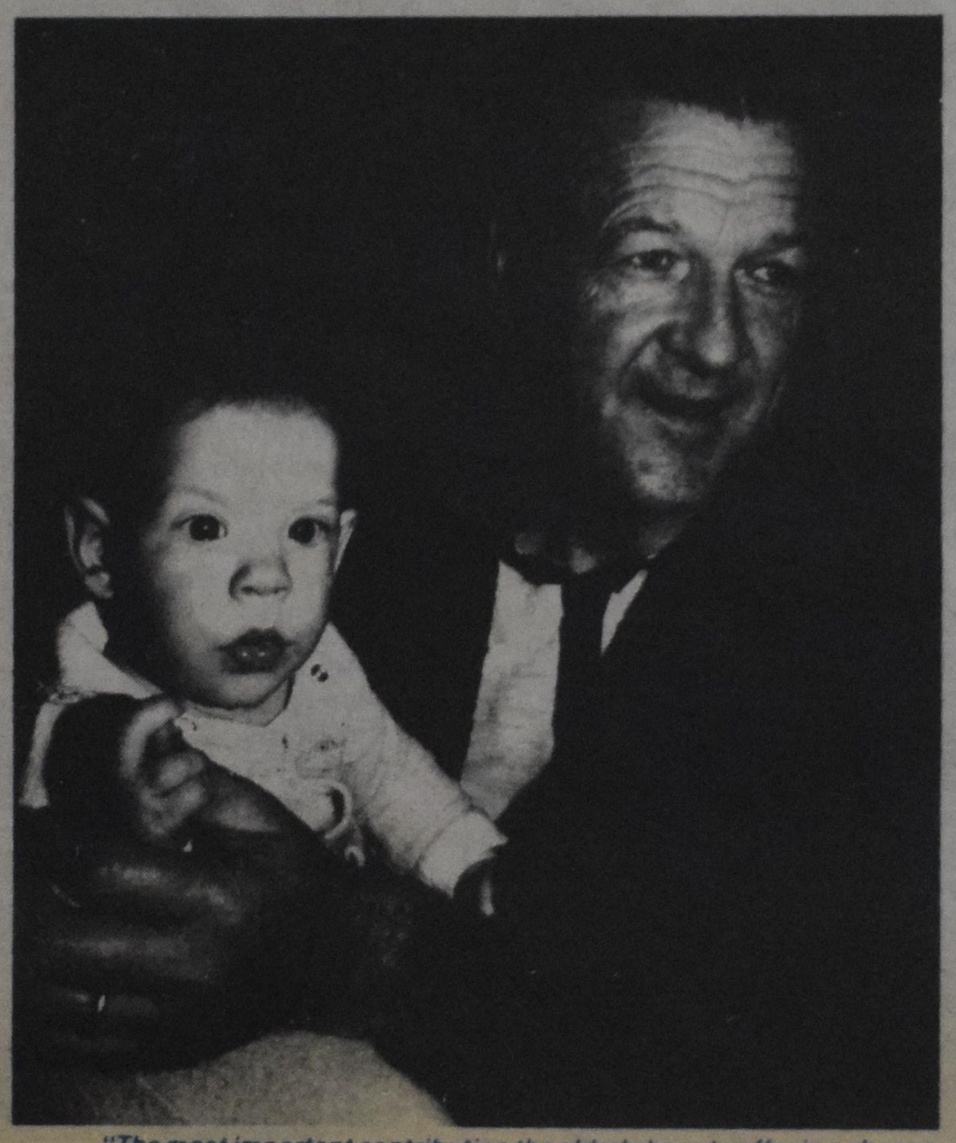
*"We live in a limbo of our own. Our world narrows, friends die, others move away, some become too frail to receive us, and I become too frail to travel to them. We tend to live in a world of our own making. Citizens of age, but otherwise stateless."*

It would appear that segregation of the elderly is an unconscious rejection by our society. Some suggest that we might consider it our task to help the elderly become our teachers once again, and thereby restore the broken connections between the generations. As an old Balinese legend has it:

*"It is said that once upon a time the people of a remote mountain village used to sacrifice and eat their old men. A day came when there was not a single old man left, and the traditions were lost.*

*They wanted to build a great house for the meetings of the assembly, but when they came to look at the tree trunks that had been cut for that purpose, no one could tell the top from the bottom. If the timber were placed the wrong way up, it would set off a series of disasters. A young man said that if they promised never to eat the men any more, he would be able to find a solution. They promised. He brought his grandfather whom he had hidden, and the old man taught the community to tell top from bottom."*

The vision that grows in aging can lead us beyond the limitations of our human self. It is a vision of hope that invites us to a total fearless surrender in which the distinction between life and death slowly loses its pain. A lot of people live with the illusion of immortality. Some suggest that it is our task to care for the aged, and to try to prevent young, middle-aged and old people from clinging to false expectations and from building their lives on false suppositions.



*"The most important contribution the elderly have to offer is a chance to bring us into creative contact with our own aging."*

When we have not discovered and experienced in our early years the vision of hope, that is love, peace, forgiveness, gentleness, kindness and deep joy how can we expect to find it in old age?

### Contribution by elderly

The most important contribution the elderly have to offer is a chance to bring us into creative contact with our own aging. Just as the handicapped remind us of our limitations; the blind our lack of vision, the anxious ridden our fears and the poor our poverty, so the old should remind us of our aging.

A friend of us once said: "Living is giving and everything else is dying." Giving ourselves to each other brings quality to our lives. Every man or woman who has discovered his or her own aging has a unique opportunity to enrich the quality of his or her own life and that of every fellow human being.

The wagon wheel told us about the life cycle, one stage not being more important than the other. The wheel turns, but we never know when it is going to stop.

We know one thing, however: for the Son of man the wheel stopped when He had lost everything: His power to speak and heal, His sense of success and influence, His disciples and friends, even His God. When He was nailed against the tree, robbed of all dignity, He knew He had aged enough, and said, "It is finished." He revealed to us that the turning of the wheel is not a return to the old ground, but one step forward in the history of our salvation.

When I was working in a hospital for the chronically ill, I was often perplexed by the suffering of the aged. The fear of dying was real for many, but there were also those who were eager to die. Once a nurse asked me, "Amy, would you please go and talk to Mrs. Lane? I don't know what is the matter with her!" So I went in to talk to her and soon discovered that she wanted to die badly, but she did not know how to do it. I suggested to her: "Would you like me to pray to God with you?" And she said happily, "Please, would you?" So we did. We prayed if God would please take her home. She relaxed and slept for a while.

The next day she died. She had finished her life cycle.

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# Wildflowers

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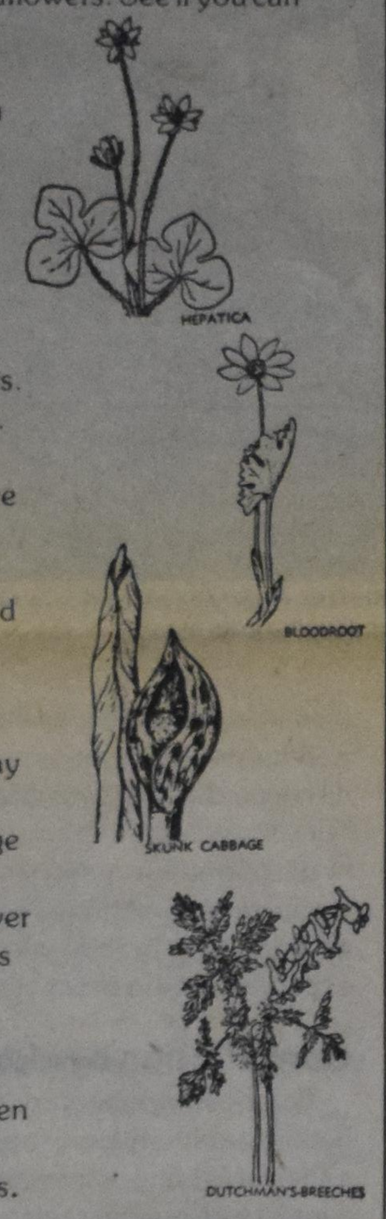
You may be interested in learning more about wildflowers. Spring is a fine time to start. The lush growth of summer has not yet hidden the new plants, making it easy for you to spot and recognize them. Start looking for wildflowers the next time you take a walk. You will find that they grow almost everywhere, along the sidewalk's edge or snuggled against a tree trunk in the woods. Some grow on mountains and others around lakes and ponds. Even your own backyard may be home to some wildflowers. The important thing in learning to recognize wildflowers is to go out and start looking for them. But look often, because many flowers blossom for only a very short time.

Here are the descriptions of four wildflowers. See if you can find them this spring.

1. **Hepatica** or liverwort is one of the first flowers to bloom in the spring. You might spot clumps of these delicate blooms in a sun-soaked spot in the woods. Their flowers have 5-12 white, pink or blue petals. Notice their leaves; they are liver-shaped.
2. The **Bloodroot** has snowy white flowers made up of seven or eight petals. Each plant has one large scalloped leaf. Look for it in clusters along shady country roads and in rich woods. Before the bloodroot blooms, its grey-green leaf will be tightly rolled up around the flower and will poke through the ground like a pencil.
2. **Skunk Cabbage** is another one of spring's first flowers. The shape of its flower will remind you of a shell and may be red, green, dark purple or even striped. The leaves of the skunk cabbage are huge. They can grow up to 100 cm long and 35 cm wide. Look for this flower in low, wet woodlands and shady edges of streams.
4. **Dutchman's-breeches** have 3-7 creamy white florets each tipped with a dot of gold. Their feathery, fernlike green leaves are as delicate as their flowers. Look for this plant in rich eastern woods.




# What's in a name?

Who was the first to name the Wake-Robin or the Touch-Me-Not? Where did the Buttercup or the Spring Beauty get their names? Wildflowers have intriguing names. They are often poetic, or may even tell the history of the plant. Each plant has a scientific name too, but it's the common name that tells an interesting story. Common names usually describe something about the plant, tell what it resembles, or what it may be used for. Sometimes the name may be the result of a story or myth surrounding the plant.

Queen Anne's Lace is a good example of a plant with a story behind it. This plant's white clusters of little flowers are like delicate lace. The flower in the centre of each cluster is usually deep, deep red. Some people say that this tiny red flower represents a drop of Queen Anne's blood that fell when she pricked her finger while making lace.

Everyone can guess why the skunk cabbage was given its name. Not only do its leaves look like cabbage leaves, but they also give off an unpleasant smell, much like that of a frightened skunk.

The tale of the bloodroot is also intriguing. Just dig up its underground stem and cut it open. The red juice that oozes out tells you how this plant got its name. Indians used the juice for dying cloth and painting themselves.

Not only is it fun to read about the common names of wildflowers, but they also help you to recognize them.

**Hey kids,**

I think wildflowers should be enjoyed year round, don't you? If you collect and dry them this season you can use them for crafts or just to decorate your room. There are several ways to dry flowers. The easiest one is to press their delicate blossoms between sheets of newspaper and place them under a pile of books for several weeks. Press the leaves and the blossoms of each flower between separate sheets. The best time to pick flowers is in full sun on a dry day.

I have a friend whose dried flower collection contains every hue imaginable. She uses her flowers to decorate placemates, bookmarks, plaques, and even lampshades. Receiving a note from her is a treat for in the top right-hand corner of her letters she always has a tiny arrangement of dried flowers.

Make your own notepaper with pressed wildflowers.

You will need:
—Rice paper (available at craft stores)
—Glue (mix one part white glue to three parts water)
—Plain notepaper
—Pressed wildflowers

Then follow these three steps:
—Arrange a few pressed wildflowers in the corner of plain notepaper.
—Tear a little piece of rice paper and cover the flowers with it.
—Brush some of the glue over the rice paper very gently so that it doesn't tear.

After your paper has dried you are set to surprise someone with a special note. Have fun!

# Can the church keep its youth?

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come forward and ask for help or forgiveness? Can the young adult who is burning with lust ask for prayer and strength to resist? And what about all the smokers who *say* they want to quit but never do, but never ask for the congregation to support and pray for them in this battle?

Are there victories in the battles of life and can they be shared with the rest of the congregation so that we can rejoice and laugh together at one time and cry together at another time? Can the young girl who just found out that she is pregnant stand next to the pastor and say that she has sinned, needs help and wants forgiveness and acceptance rather than the quiet, cold shoulder of ignoring non-involvement?

Young people are eager to hear, "thus saith the Lord" especially when it comes in the context of forgiveness rather than condemnation, acceptance rather than skepticism. I see youth moved to tears when adults come clean, face themselves and their controlling, manipulative patterns and truly release their children to the care and nurture of the Lord.

## A worthwhile study

A study done by the Synod of the CRC dealing with "loss of membership, 1966-'72" taught us that those who leave the CRC leave primarily because they were dissatisfied with *"a number of issues, standards, customs, practices and emphases ... they tend to chafe under restraints, impositions and surveillance. Especially those ... which in their estimation are of predominantly human or ecclesiastical origination"* (**Acts of Synod,** 1972, p. 556-7).

Many things were pointed out through the study. Synod recorded in its 1972 minutes that more love would be required, that the church be less judgmental and condemnatory. Our fellowship is to be based upon scriptural deliverance rather than habituated practice or common ecclesiastical consensus. Synod called for pastors who are not only competent in the pulpit and pastoral work but who can also relate well to others. It called for stronger, active lay participation in the life of the church and concluded by calling the church "to be more receptive to the plea for liturgical freedom, flexibility and innovation, recognizing the necessity for each generation to make response to the presence and revelation of God in a manner befitting its peculiar needs and Scripture-guided and Spirit-led inclinations" (*Acts of Synod*, 1972, p. 42).

Unfortunately, as with every synodical decision, Synod cannot make congregations implement what careful studies show to be significant for greater life and growth in Christ. It could only call our attention to these matters. Much to the hurt of the denomination, very little was heard again about the significant work and its conclusions. The report was relegated to the archives rather than placed in the hands and the hearts of the members. The exodus continues whereas God would have it stop.

The hunger for new life and greater vitality is still with us. It is most clearly expressed by youth, it is equally desired by many others. How will we as leaders respond? With intimidation, a bit of anger, hostility and fear? Or can we listen, respond, open up and adjust and thus discover afresh that God is still in the business of redeeming mankind, renewing youth and restoring the creation.

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# Classifieds

**ACTON:** 15-year-old male student attending Toronto District Christian Highschool in Woodbridge is seeking summer employment on farm. Willing to do other types of work. Please call (519) 853-0758 and ask for Anthony Looyenga.

**BAILIEBORO:** I am a college bound student seeking summer employment anywhere in Ontario. I can work from June 24 to August 31. I love working with children and do not mind hard work. If you would like more information I can be reached at (705) 939-6360 or write to Darlene Borger (that's me), R.R.#1, Bailieboro, ON K0L 1B0

**BIRMINGHAM, Mich.:** 17-year-old male Canadian living in Michigan temporarily and therefore cannot work in the USA. I am college bound and would like summer employment anywhere in Ontario. Experience as contractor-labourer, factory and warehouse worker. References available. Please call collect at (313) 626-7831 or write John Vanderleek, 4724 Walnut Lake Rd., Birmingham, MI 48010.

**BOWMANVILLE:** 17-year-old Chr. Highschool student likes to work on a farm again. Worked before for two summers on dairy and fruit farm. Willing to do any kind of work. Phone (416) 623-4120 or write: Henry Wesselius, 10 Liberty St., N., Bowmanville, ON L1C 2L4

**CAMBRIDGE:** I am a 16-year-old, responsible girl, experienced as a mother's helper, and would like employment as such this summer. I am willing to live in your home, somewhere in Southern Ontario. References gladly provided. Contact me at 519-623-8277 or write: Wendy VanDyke, 65 Woodland Dr., Cambridge, ON N1R 2X7

**CAMBRIDGE:** 17-year-old girl, planning to attend Redeemer College in the fall, seeks employment. I will be available from June 20 till the end of August. I am willing to try anything. Write or call Sharon Timmerman, 61 Woodland Dr., Cambridge, ON N1R 2X7; (519) 621-4502.

**CAMBRIDGE:** 17-year-old girl is seeking a mother's helper or baby-sitting job in Southern Ontario. I am experienced in both areas of work and am also willing to try a health care related job. For more information call Mary Versteeg at: 519-658-2692 or write to: R.R.#21, Cambridge, ON N3C 2V3

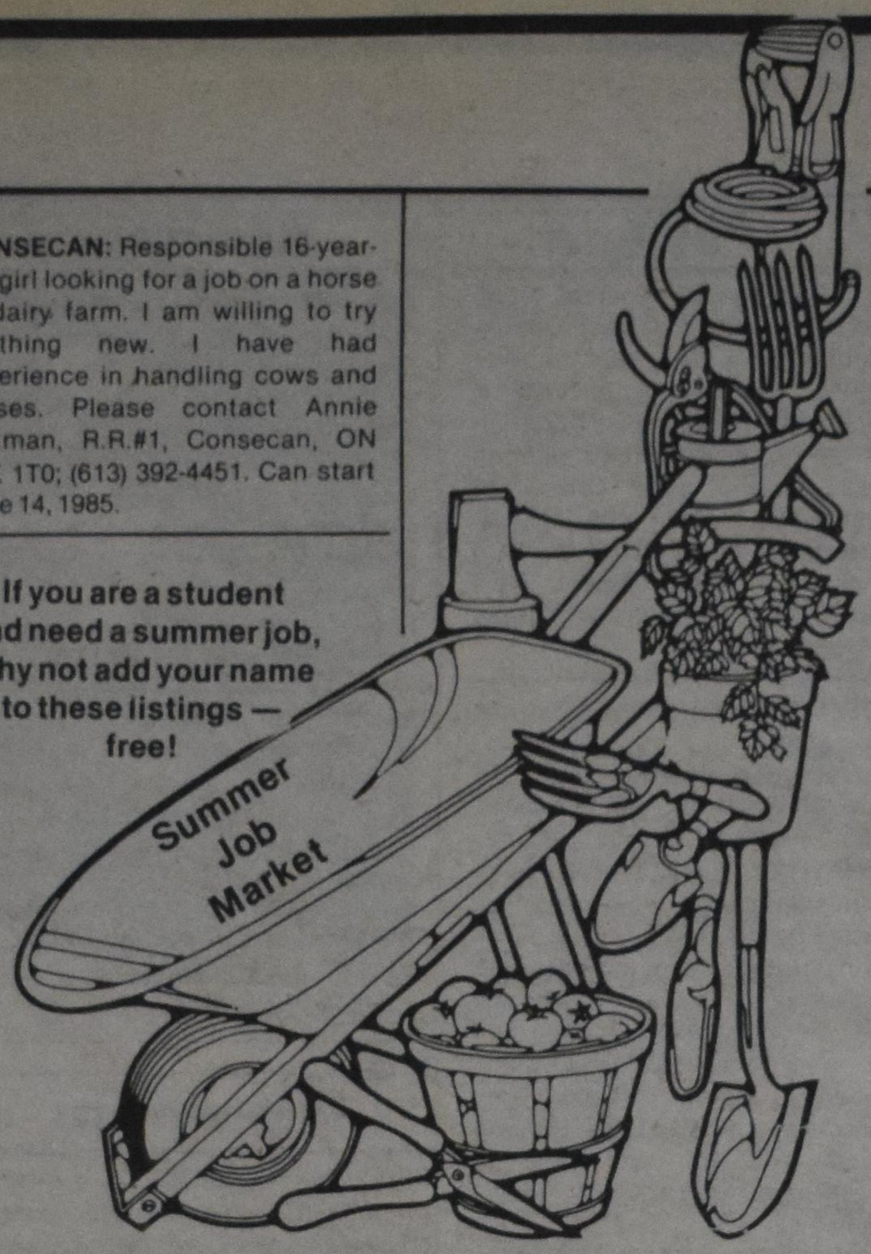
**CAMBRIDGE:** An 18-year-old student finishing grade 12 would like a job on a dairy farm. Will also work on a hog or chicken farm. Have two years experience on a dairy farm. Live on a hog farm. For more information write to Jim Versteeg, R.R.#21, Cambridge, ON N3C 2V3 or call (519) 658-2692

**CAMBRIDGE:** A 20-year-old female, Guelph University student in the Diploma Course of Horticulture is looking for summer employment on a small fruit and/or vegetable farm. Has experience on a fruit/vegetable farm and in greenhouse work. Willing to live anywhere in Canada. For more information please call 519-658-2692 or write Brenda Versteeg, R.R.#21, Cambridge, ON N3C 2V3.

**CLINTON:** A 16-year-old girl attending London Christian Highschool is seeking work as a mother's helper or any other work related to children. Experience includes teaching V.B.S., Sunday School, etc. as well as babysitting. Please call Marian Visser 482-3537.

**CONSECAN:** Responsible 16-year-old girl looking for a job on a horse or dairy farm. I am willing to try anything new. I have had experience in handling cows and horses. Please contact Annie Veltman, R.R.#1, Consecan, ON K0K 1T0; (613) 392-4451. Can start June 14, 1985.

**If you are a student and need a summer job, why not add your name to these listings — free!**




**DRAYTON:** A 19-year-old Redeemer College student seeks employment for the months of May and June. I have experience working with the mentally handicapped, particularly in music therapy. Call Arlene Heidbuurt at (416) 634-8074 until April 26 or (519) 638-2573 anytime.

**DRAYTON:** 18-year-old girl seeking summer employment. Experience working with soft fruits, garden work, and some farmwork. Willing to try almost any job. Reference available. Write or call: Nancy Rumph, Box 4, Drayton, ON N0G 1P0 or (519) 638-2053.

**DUNNVILLE:** A first-year Redeemer College student seeks employment in either the Burlington or Dunnville areas. Experienced in greenhouse work, working with horses and caring for children. I have also worked in a cafeteria and have typing skills (60 wpm manual). Willing to learn new skills. Available from April 29 to mid-August. Contact Anita Riebot, R.R.#2, Dunnville, ON N1A 2W2, before April 29 call 634-7848.

**ARDROSSAN, Edmonton:** My name is C. Paul Horsman and I'm a grade 12 student at Concordia College. I plan to attend College in the fall so I'm looking for work. I'm a willing worker and will be glad to take whatever you have to offer. Be it only a week or a few days, I'd be more than willing to work. I've done volunteer work over the winter and am a member of the Concordia College choir. My phone numbers are: 922-3301, 477-2954.

**GRIMSBY:** Second-year university social work student, 22, experienced with child care, elderly, mentally handicapped and has skills related to helping field. Seeking employment in social work field starting May 6. Resume and references available. Will consider other work. Contact Elizabeth Opthof, 254 Ridge Rd., E., Grimsby, ON L3M 4E7; (416) 945-8281.

**GUELPH:** Need help? Reliable 4th year Woodland Christian High student, 17 going on 18, wishes full-time summer employment from June 29 to September 3 approximately. Some experience in a bakery; will do almost any kind of work. Please phone George at 519-824-3634 anytime after 3:30 p.m. if possible.

**Why not advertise in C.C.?**

**GUELPH:** I'm a young Christian girl seeking a summer job on a farm. I have lived on a farm for 14 years, I am 17 years old, and my name is Annette Aasman. My phone number is 1-519-824-4643 and my address is 11 Neeve St., Guelph, ON N1H 4B8.

**GUELPH:** 15 going on 16 year old Christian male attending Woodland Chr. High School in Breslau, Ont. is seeking summer employment, preferably in greenhouse, landscape maintenance, or willing to do anything else. Please phone Paul Tjoelker at (519) 824-3634, Guelph, Ont.

**HAMILTON:** Redeemer College student, 18, needs work from May till August. Two years retail sales experience with ability to do cashier work, but willing to do any work. Contact Karin Cook at 416-388-1668.

**HAMILTON:** A third year Redeemer College student seeks employment in the Hamilton/Dundas/Burlington area. Experienced in greenhouse work, office procedures, (typing, wordprocessing, filing, research), and maintenance (incl. painting). Available from April 29 to the end of August. Write Sylvia de Jong, 305-37 Mericourt Rd., Hamilton, ON L8S 2N5 or call 523-7394.

**KERWOOD:** 18-year-old looking for a full-time summer job on a dairy farm with several years experience. Call Dave Wielinga at 247-3262.

**LINDSAY:** I am a 16-year-old girl looking for work anywhere in Ontario and Quebec. I am willing to do any kind of work. I have experience on dairy and farrow-to-finish farms. Please call Linda at 705-437-1023.

**LUCKNOW:** 16-year-old girl seeking summer employment, mid-June to September. Experienced in babysitting, housecleaning and gardening. Call: (519) 529-7603 or write: Irene Brink, R.R.#6, Goderich, ON N7A 3Y3.

**LONDESBORO:** Hello, I am a 19-year-old grade 13 student. I hope to attend Redeemer College in the fall. I have my driver's license. I would prefer a job working with children or working outdoors (i.e. lawns, gardens, farm) but I am willing to try different things. For more information please contact Yvonne Raidt, R.R.#1, Londesboro, ON N0M 2H0; or phone (519) 526-7735.

**NORTH YORK:** I am a 17-year-old female from North York who is looking for a summer job. I am available from July 1 to Labour Day. I have had plenty of baby-sitting experience as well as experience working at an amusement park. I speak some French, and a little bit of Dutch. I have some musical skills and can type adequately well. I'm willing to do any kind of work. Please contact Emily Peetoom, 74 Fontainebleau Dr., North York, ON M2M 1N9; (416) 223-4427.

**OSHAWA:** Hi! I am a 22-year-old girl, who will have finished my Grade 12 in June. I hope to be going to university in September. I need a job for the summer to help pay for my tuition. I am willing to move anywhere in Ontario. I can do various things, for example, office work, waitress, paint, house helper (great cook!) and more! For more information please call me, Sylvia, at 8:00 a.m. at 1-416-725-6069 or write Sylvia Terpstra, 254 Cedar Valley Crt., Oshawa, ON L1G 3W1

**PETERBOROUGH-Millbrook:** Responsible, 21-year-old female seeks work in any of several types of jobs. Can paint, waitress, communicate well with people, and has years of experience in caring for children, among other things. Has just finished third year of university and needs job to further education in fall. For more information call Rosalinde at (705) 932-2953 or write Rosalinde Heeringa, R.R.#1, Fraserville, ON K0L 1V0

**SARNIA:** Lambton Christian High School girl, almost 16 years old, would like to work full- or part-time this summer to gain work experience. Would like to work in store or office etc. Have computer and typing course credits. Piano or accordion lessons at reasonable rates all year around. Won't you please call me at 519-542-7275, or write to: Terry Korstanje, 1856 Donalda Dr., Sarnia, ON N7T 7H6.

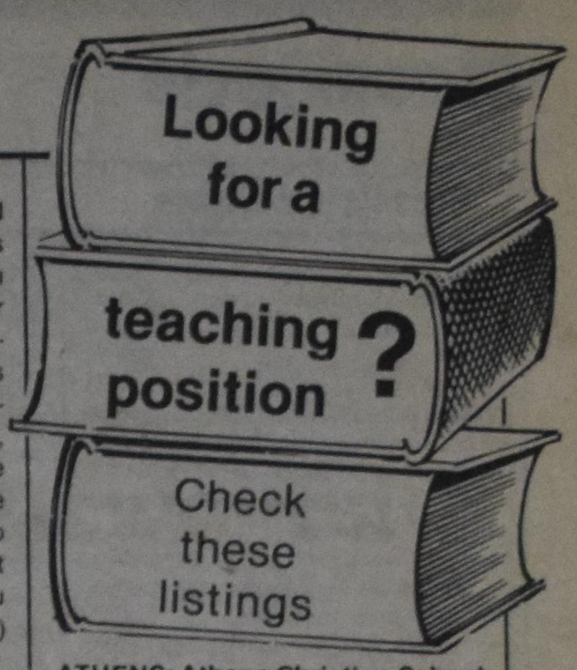
**ST. CATHARINES:** I am a 16-year-old Christian High School student; have experience working on a dairy farm, and would like to work on a dairy farm again this summer, for the July and August months. If you would like to hire me, please call: (416) 937-6046, evenings.

**SHEDDEN:** Male, 16 years old, seeking summer employment on a farm, with a possible need of accommodations. Has previous farm experience from living on parents' farm, general licence and can drive anything. Please call anytime at (519) 764-2268.

**STRATHROY:** My name is Lisa Linker. I am an Animal Health Technician student looking for a summer job involving any type of farm operation or animal clinic. I have three years experience at a pet shop and experience with cattle, swine and horses. I am 20 years old, strong, and eager to work. I will be available by May 13. Please call (519) 245-0405, or write: Lisa Linker, 194 Oak St., Strathroy, ON N7G 3A8.

**TORONTO:** Kind, dependable, 16-year-old girl looking for summer employment in Toronto area. July and August. Interested in office work, store, child care or landscaping. Willing to learn and gain experience. Please contact Alisa Praamsma, 27 Dittmer Cr., Ont.; 741-4912.

**WELLANDPORT:** Beth Ann Douma, age 14, R.R.#3, Wellandport, ON L0R 2J0; 386-6765. Experienced in babysitting. Type of work preferred: babysitting, light housework or other.




**ATHENS: Athens Christian School** invites applications for the position of **teaching principal** for the **grades 5-8** for the 85/86 school year. Please address your letter of application with resume to: Mr. Henry Oosterhof, R.R.#4, North Augusta, ON K0G 1R0. Tel: (613) 924-9378.

**BARRIE: Timothy Christian School** needs a teacher for **grades 3 & 4** for September/85. Please send resumes to: Secretary of Education Committee by May 3, 1985, c/o Timothy Christian School, 49 Ferris Lane, Barrie, ON L4M 2Y1, (705) 726-6621.

**BURLINGTON: Washington, USA: The Ebenezer Christian High School** of Burlington is seeking applicants for a **multi-grade teaching position, high school level.** Husband and wife team welcome. We desire a strongly disciplined Covenantal Reformed education for our children. Therefore those who apply should be committed to this. Those desiring more information about the school and position please call: Mr. Sid Top, (206) 856-1713, or write to 2247 River Rd., Sedro Wolley, Washington, 98284.

**CLINTON: Clinton and District Christian School** invites applications for a **½ time Kindergarten and ½ time Remedial** position. This is a full-time position. Send application and resume to: R. Schuurman, principal, Clinton and District Christian School, P.O. Box 658, Clinton, ON N0M 1L0 or phone (519) 482-7851.

**KITCHENER-WATERLOO: Laurentian Hills Christian School,** an interdenominational school located in the Kitchener-Waterloo area, has a possible opening for a **teaching principal** or **7-8 teacher.** Please forward inquiries or applications to: Peter Erb, 106 Allen St., W., Waterloo, ON N2L 1E7; (519) 745-5163 (or phone Ada VandenBerg at (519) 886-1298).

**LONDON: London District Chr. Secondary School** invites qualified teachers to submit applications for **Physical Science** position. Please send letters of application, credentials and references to Mr. Henry Kooy, principal, LDCSS, 24 Braesyde Ave., London, ON N5W 1V3. Tel: (519) 455-4360 (school), (519) 453-5719 (home).

**NEERLANDIA, Alta.: Neerlandia School,** Alberta, invites applications for a **grade 5** teaching position for the 1985/86 school year, as well as a possible opening for a Secondary **Language Arts** teacher for **grade 6-10.** Please send resumes and applications to Dr. H.L. Treleaven, Supt., County of Barrhead, Nr. 11, Barrhead, AB T0G 0E0 or phone John Piers, principal, (403) 674-5581 (school) or (403) 674-4308 (home).

**NEWMARKET: Holland District Christian School** will need a teacher for the 1985/86 school year. This can be a full or part-time position, involving any of the following: Regular classroom, Kindergarten, or Remedial. Please send application and resume to: Mrs. Vernetta Salomons, 743 Queen St., Newmarket, ON L3Y 2J4

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## Teachers

**PEMBROKE: Pembroke Chr. School** invites applications to fill a position for **teaching principal.** Please forward letter of resume in application to Mr. H. Huyer, principal, Pembroke Chr. School, P.O. Box 563, Pembroke, ON K8A 6X7.

**WILLIAMSBURG: Timothy Christian School** is in need of one teacher for September, 1985. A **grade 3 & 4 combination** of approximately 25 pupils or **half-time grade 7 & 8 position principal relief and half-time remedial help.** Ability to teach French is a definite asset for one of the positions. Experience preferred. Please send your letters of application and resumes to: Mr. J. Kooistra, principal, Timothy Christian School, Williamsburg, ON K0C 2H0. Telephone (613) 535-2687 or 535-2152 (home).

**WYOMING: John Knox Christian School** invites applications for a **combined grades 1 & 2** teaching position. Send resume and/or credentials to: William Hordyk, principal, Box 81, Wyoming, ON N0N 1T0 or call: (519) 845-3112.

## Beacon Christian High School in St. Catharines, Ontario

invites applications for possible openings from experienced teachers or candidates qualified to teach in one or more of the following areas:

**Business, Music, and English**

*Please send inquiries and resumes to:*
**John Vriend, Principal**
**Beacon Christian High School**
**2 O'Malley Drive, St. Catharines, Ontario L2N 6N7**

## Medicine Hat Christian School

**318 8th Street N.E.**
**Medicine Hat, Alberta T1A 5R6**
**Tel: (403) 526-3246**

Our fast growing interdenominational school is now inviting inquiries and applications for teaching positions for the 1985-86 school year.
**Junior High (7-10).** One position. Apply if you are specialized in two or more of the following areas: Social Studies, Science, French, Phys. Ed. or Language Arts.
**Elementary Grades.** Definite opening for the combined Grades 1 and 2 position.
**E.C.S.** Two days per week teaching position as well as additional time for secretarial duties.
**Send resumes and references or write for an application form to: Principal William Slofstra**

The Society for Christian Education in Southern Alberta, operating
**Emmanuel Christian School** in Lethbridge
**& Taber Christian School**
invites applications for the following possible openings:

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**SPECIAL EDUCATION**
**JUNIOR HIGH: Math/Science**
**SENIOR HIGH: Biology/Physics**
**SENIOR HIGH: Social Studies**
**ELEMENTARY: Teacher Aid**
**ART: Elementary, Jr. & Sr. High**

*Address all letters of inquiry to.*
**Mr. H. Konynenbelt**
**802-6th Ave., North, Lethbridge, AB T1H 0S1**
**Phone: (403) 327-4223 or 328-7195**

## Births

**KOK:** We rejoice and give honour and praise to God, for His precious gift. PAMELA JEAN was born on March 25, 1985. Happy parents are Albert and Ann. A sister for Dwayne, Susan and Jody. Another grandchild for John and Judith VanderKooi of Picture Butte, Alta. and Mr. Albert Kok of Jarvis, Ont.

**VOSKAMP:** Peter and Betty thank the Lord for the safe arrival of their daughter MELANIE ELIZABETH born on April 14, 1985, at Joseph Brant Memorial Hospital, Burlington, weighing 8 lbs. 10 oz. A sister for Elaine and Annita. Third grandchild for Mr. and Mrs. R.E. Taylor of Hanover, Ont.
Home address: R.R.#1, Waterdown, ON L0R 2H0

## Teachers

**REXDALE: Timothy Christian School** in Rexdale is interested in receiving applications for a half-time position. Ability to teach French at the intermediate level is essential. Please send resume to: Mr. H.K. Bergsma, principal. School address: 28 Elmhurst Dr., Rexdale, ON M9W 2J5; (416) 741-5770.

**SARNIA: Lambton Christian High School,** 295 Essex St., Sarnia, ON N7T 4S3 invites qualified teachers to apply for a position in **Geography-Math-Art.** Please send letters of application, credentials and references to: Mr. Wayne Drost, principal, (school), 519-337-9122, (home) 542-7113.

**STRATFORD: Stratford & District Christian School,** 130 Huron Rd., R.R.#1, Sebringville, ON N0K 1X0 invites applications for a **teaching principal,** for the 85/86 school year. Send letter of application and resume to: A.J. Vanderstoel, principal, or call (519) 393-5675.

## Births

**OTTENS:** Genise, Andrea, Mom, and Dad are filled with joy with the addition of a little boy to their family. His name is DEREK WILLIAM LUCAS. He was born on March 26, 1985. Derek's parents are Luc and Jerry Ottens of Palmerston, Ont. His grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. William Hoekstra of Montgomery, New York and Mr. and Mrs. Derk Ottens of Moorefield, Ont.

**POELMAN:** "Praise the Lord, for He is good."
Our family has been blessed with a new child. Born on March 4, 1985, weighing 10 lbs. 13 oz., JONATHAN MATTHEW was enthusiastically welcomed by sisters Hanna, Beth, Melita, Kerri-Lynn, brother Terry; parents Jim and Linda. Grandparents Mr. and Mrs. Tjeert Poelman, Athens and Mr. and Mrs. R.W. Van Dyke, Holland Marsh. Great-grandparents Mrs. W. Van Dyke, Holland Marsh and Mr. and Mrs. S. Eygenraam, Sr., Shalom Manor, Grimsby.
424 Nelson St., Wallaceburg, Ont.

**VANSPRONSEN:** With thankfulness to the Lord, we, Simon, Audrey, Steven and Michelle welcome into our family a precious little girl, HOLLY ANNE born on Thursday, April 4, 1985. Proud grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Edward N. Zwart of Grimsby and Mr. and Mrs. Simon VanSpronsen, Sr. of Brantford.
Home address: R.R.#1, Brantford, ON N3T 5L4

## Marriages

**BRUULSEMA-ROESCH:** Mr. and Mrs. Gerald Bruulsema of Dunnville, Ont., are pleased to announce the forthcoming marriage of their daughter, ELISABETH SHARON to ADAM, son of Mr. and Mrs. Tom Roesch of Port Colborne, Ont. The wedding will take place, D.V., at 11:00 a.m. on Saturday, May 4, 1985, in the Bethel Chr. Ref. Church, Dunnville, Ont. Rev. Harry VanderWindt officiating.
Future address: 225 Westwood Rd., Apt. 602, Guelph, ON N1H 7H4

## Anniversaries

Anjum Bowmanville
1930 April 29 1985
With joy and thanksgiving to the Lord, we wish to announce the 55th Wedding Anniversary of our parents, grandparents and great-grandparents,

SIMEN and SYLVIA FEDDEMA
(nee Boersma)

It is our prayer that the Lord will continue to bless them in the years to come.
Love and congratulations from all of us.
Shirley & Albert Van Belle — Kendal, Ont.
Joe & Sally Feddema — Springdale, Ont.
Pete & Tine Feddema — Grimsby, Ont.
Jack & Grace Feddema — Kendal, Ont.
Bill & Sarah Feddema — Port Perry, Ont.
Rienk & Tinie Feddema — Bowmanville, Ont.
John & Femmie Feddema — Goodwood, Ont.
Grace & Ray Ravensbergen — Port Coquitlam, BC
Ann Bolt — Delta, BC
33 grandchildren and 10 great-grandchildren
Open House, D.V., Saturday, April 27, 1985, 2-4 p.m. in the Maranatha Chr. Ref. Church, Bowmanville, Highway 2.
Home address: 102 Scugog St., Bowmanville, ON L1C 3J4

## Marriages

**DEBOER-VERMEER:** With joy and thanksgiving, Mr. and Mrs. Jess DeBoer and Mr. and Mrs. Abe Vermeer wish to announce the forthcoming marriage of their children, GRACE and ALLAN. The wedding will take place April 27, 1985, 11 a.m., at the East Chr. Ref. Church of Strathroy, Ont. Rev. J. Tangelder officiating.
Future address: 390 Main St., W., Apt. #4, Grimsby, ON L3M 1T2

**SCHOLTENF-PROCTOR:** Ralph and Pat Scholten are happy to announce the marriage of their daughter, KAREN PATRICIA to RONALD WILLIAM, son of Jack and Mary Proctor. The wedding will take place, D.V., on May 11, 1985, at 3:30 p.m., in the Springdale Chr. Ref. Church, Springdale, Ont. Rev. L. Schalkwyk officiating.

## Anniversaries

1940 April 29 1985
It is with much joy and thankfulness to our Lord and heavenly Father, that we announce the 45th Wedding Anniversary of our parents and grandparents,

HENDRIK and STIENTJE
GUIKEMA
(nee Hummel)

May God continue to bless and keep them in His care.
Congratulations and love from your children and grandchildren:
Anko & Jantje Guikema; Henk, Grietje & Klaas, Christiena — Opende, Holland
Hennie & Henk Boersma; Sandra & Tyler, Arlene & Dean, Andrew, Sheila, Henry — Mt. Brydges, Ont.
Martin & Jane Guikema; Monica, Rick, Sonya, Jody — Strathroy, Ont.
Jenny & Pete Vanderelst; Sharon, Audrey, Karin, Rachel, Michelle, Danielle, Martin — Appin, Ont.
Wendy & Like Hansmann; Tim, Laurie, Elaine, Ramona — Mt. Brydges, Ont.
Tina & Bruce Hartemink; Jennessa — Aylmer, Ont.
An Open House will be held Monday, May 13, 1985, from 7:30 - 10:30 p.m. at the Mt. Brydges Community Centre.
Best wishes only.
Home address: R.R.#3, Appin, ON N0L 1A0

1940 May 9 1985
"The Lord will keep your going out and your coming in from this time forth and forevermore" (Psalm 121:8).
With thankfulness to God the Giver and Sustainer of life we proudly announce the joyous celebration of our parents' and grandparents' 45th Wedding Anniversary,

JOHN and NELLIE MAAN
(nee Van Berkel)

May the Lord continue to be your strength and shield.
Congratulations and love from:
Elizabeth Van Der Meulen; Kimberley
William & Anneke Van Dyke; Sheri, Douglas, Rachel
Adrian & Nellie Kamerman; Edward, Marianne, Gwenda
Andrew & Margaret Dykstra; John, Karen, Robert, Sonya
Brian & Maaike Maan; Reuben, Jessica, Asher
Frank & Joanne Bovenberg; Esther
Friends and relatives will be gladly received at an Open House to mark this occasion on Thursday, May 9, 1985, from 2:30 - 4:30 and 7:30 - 9:30 p.m., at the home of the celebrants, 352 Second St., Newmarket, Ont., to share their best wishes only.

**Calvinist Contact touching lives far and near.**

## Anniversaries

Andyk Voorburg
1920 May 6 1985
With praise and thankfulness to God, we hope, the Lord willing, to celebrate the 65th Wedding Anniversary of our dear parents,

JAN and TRYNTJE MOOK
(nee Broer)

It is our prayer that He will continue to bless them and keep them in His care.
Their thankful children:
Tjerk & Trudy Mook — London, Ont.
Grandparents of:
Helen & Gary Bierman — London, Ont.
Eric & Deb Mook — Windsor, Ont.
Deb & Phil Visser — Calgary, Alta.
Great-grandparents of:
Christopher, Lori Anne and Ian Bierman
Baron v. Geltingenlaan 17, Voorburg, Holland 2273 CX

Borger (Holland) Harriston, Ont.
May, 1935 Psalm 91:2 May, 1985
With thankful hearts we celebrate the 50th Wedding Anniversary of our parents,

GEERT and JANTINA
OLDENGARM

on May 11, 1985.
They continue to be a blessing to their family and community.
Herman & Jane Oldengarm — Gorrie, Ont.
Martin & Jenny Oldengarm — Harriston, Ont.
Grace & Dirk VanderMale — Mississauga, Ont.
Harry & Nelly Oldengarm — Guelph, Ont.
12 grandchildren and six great-grandchildren.
Open House at the Palmerston Chr. Ref. Church, May 11, 1985, 2:30 - 4:30 p.m.
Best wishes only, please.
212 Queen St., Harriston, ON N0G 1Z0

1955 May 20 1985
With joy and thanksgiving to the Lord, we are happy to announce the 30th Wedding Anniversary of our parents and grandparents,

TURNER and JOAN ROORDA
(nee Knegt)

We pray that the Lord will bless them on this day, and continue to keep them in His care.
Ed & Gloria Roorda; John, Adrian, Steven
Wayne Roorda
Rick & Rita Roorda; Sean
Brad Roorda
Terry & Joanne Roorda; Karen
Margaret-Ann Roorda
Open House will be held on Saturday, May 18, 1985, from 7:30 p.m. - 10:00 p.m. at the Orangeville Chr. Ref. Church, Blind Line, Orangeville.
Home address: 55 1st St., Orangeville, ON L9W 2E3

Athens Sardis
1960 April 30 1985
It is with great joy and thankfulness to our Lord, that we are happy to announce the 25th Wedding Anniversary of our parents and grandparents,

WIETSE and BETTY TERPSTRA
(nee Sytsma)

Congratulations Mom and Dad.
We pray that God will continue to bless you in the years to come.
With love from your children and grandchildren:
Randy & Carla Terpstra; Bryon, Jolene — Sardis, BC
Wendy & Lloyd Taekema; Rachel — Sardis, BC
Richard
Debbie
— at home
An Open House will be held, D.V., on May 4, 1985, from 2:00 - 5:00 and 7:30 - 10:00 at the home address.
7248 Lickman Rd., Sardis, BC V2R 1B3

# Classifieds

## Anniversaries

*Congratulations to Cornelis and Tryntje Vander Ploeg (nee De Vries) who will celebrate their 50th Wedding Anniversary, D.V., on May 16, 1985.*

1960 April 29 1985

"Walk in love, as Christ also hath loved us, and hath given Himself for us an offering and a sacrifice to God" (Ephesians 5:2 KJV).

With praise and thanksgiving to our Lord, we joyfully announce the 25th Wedding Anniversary of our parents and grandparents,

JOE and NANCY VANDER KOOI
(nee De Beer)

It is our prayer that God will continue to bless them and keep them in His care.

With love from their children and grandchildren:
Dan & Teresa; Janice, Shannon
Evelyn & Peter; Adam, Pamela
George (in heaven with Jesus)
Brenda & Doug (fiance)
Sharon
Tim
Kevin
Benjamin
Randy
Michael

An Open House will be held, the Lord willing, on Friday, May 3, 1985, from 7:30 - 10 p.m., in the Springdale Chr. Ref. Church.

Best wishes only, please.

Home address: R.R.#4, Bradford, ON L3Z 2A6

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Brandon, Man. Dunnville, Ont.
1960 April 22 1985

With joy and thanksgiving to the Lord, we are happy to announce the 25th Wedding Anniversary of our parents and grandparents,

TONY and GERRIE VANHELL
(nee vanDonkersgoed)

Congratulations and best wishes from:
Lucy — Grand Rapids
Martin & Alice Moesker; Josie — St. Anns
Ruth & Jerry van Egmond (fiance) — at home
Gary — at home
Joyce — at home
Anthony — at home

An Open House will be held on Friday, May 10, 1985, D.V., at 8 p.m., in the Wellandport Chr. School Gymnasium to celebrate this joyous occasion.

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## Anniversaries

St. Anna Parochie Winnipeg
1935 May 16 1985

Psalm 145.

With much joy and thankfulness to God we are happy to announce the 50th Wedding Anniversary of our parents, grandparents and great-grandparents,

CORNELIS and TRYNTJE VANDER PLOEG
(nee De Vries)

We pray that God will continue to bless and keep them in His care.

Congratulations Mom and Dad, Oma and Pake with love:
Albert & Wilma Vander Ploeg — Winnipeg
Ken — Cloverdale, BC
Carolyn & Jake Kuik; Darlene, Sherry, Bonita
Kathleen & Ben Kuik; Sonya and Cameron
Calvin, Mary Jean, Diane, Andrea — Winnipeg, Man.
Pearl & Nick Hogeveen; Kathleen, William, Daniel, Janine — Winnipeg, Man.
Gerben & Dorothy Bosma
Kathy & Norman Manness
Peter, Mark — Winnipeg, Man.

An Open House will be held, D.V., on Friday, May 17, 1985, from 3 to 5 p.m. and 7 to 9 p.m. at the College Ave. Chr. Ref. Church, 621 College Ave., Winnipeg, Man.

Home address: 355 Glenwood Cres., Winnipeg. MB R2L 1K5

## Obituaries

On March 19, 1985, after a lengthy illness, our heavenly Father took home His child, our dearly beloved daughter, sister and aunt,

JETTY FLORA JOYCE VOS

in her 54th year, in the St. Mary's on the Lake Hospital, Kingston, Ont.

"In my Father's house are many mansions. I go to prepare a place for you" (John 14:2).

Sadly missed by her mother Anna G.A. Vos (nee Jelier) — 36 Roseland Acres Rd., R.R.#2, Carrying Place, ON K0K 1L0

Brothers and sisters:
Walter & Lorraine Vos (nee Zwart) and children — Kingston, Ont.
Sigrid & Stuart Van der Meer and children — Kingston, Ont.
Ernie & Rosalie Vos (nee Lont) and children — Stittsville, Ont.
Eric Vos — Ottawa, Ont.

Church services were held at the First Chr. Ref. Church, Kingston, Ont. Conducted by Rev. Carl Tuyl. The entombment took place on March 22, 1985, at the Carrying Place Annex Cemetery.

## Obituaries

Schraard, Fr. Niagara Falls, Ont.
1910 1985

Psalm 25:6,7
Wie heeft lust den Heer te vrezen,
'tAllerhoogst en eeuwig goed?
God zal zelf zijn leidsman wezen,
leren hoe hij wand'len moet
Hymn 43:6,7

Suddenly on March 27, 1985, it pleased the Lord to take home His child,

SJOERD (Stuart) ADMIRAAL

in his 75th year.

Dear husband of Yke (Yvonne) Admiraal-Elzinga.

Loving father, grandfather and great-grandfather of:
Clara & Bert Vander Meer — Niagara-on-the-Lake, Ont.
Mike & Leonie; Benjamin, Matthew, Daniel, Rachel
Stuart & Alice; Steven, Jason
Mark & Wendy; Yvonne
George & Betty
Christopher
George & Rose Admiraal — Welland, Ont.
Scott & Judy; Amanda, Rebbecca
Laurie & Dave
John & Diane Admiraal — Simcoe, Ont.
Stuart, Roger, Monica, Karen
Jane & James Croft — Woodstock, Ont.
Jeff & Laurie; Lindsay
Yvonne & Steve Cook
Freda & John Van Stralen — Coquitlam, BC
Dirk, Joy, Paul
Jessie & Bill Fledderus — Jarvis, Ont.
John, Rick, David & Lisa, Randy

Predeceased by a son Jochum.

The funeral service was held on Monday, April 1, 1985, in the Chr. Ref. Church of Niagara Falls, Ont. Rev. J. Pereboom officiating.

Home address: 3286 Portage Rd., Niagara Falls, ON L2K 2K2

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Nov. 25, 1905 Mar. 30, 1985

"My peace I give unto you. (John 14:27).

The Lord took to be with Him,

WIETZE VAN DER HOEK

309 Burns St., Strathroy, Ont.

Beloved husband of Japke Reitsma and the late Sylvia (Poortinga) 1980.

Dear father of:
Gerry & Grace — Brooke Twp.
Henry & Judy — Cornwall
Mike & Connie — Strathroy
Ray & Hilda — Kerwood

Opa to 11 grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

Stepfather of:
William
Joe & Alice
Richard & Margie
Margaret & Ron
Jerry & Henny
Jane & Jasper
Helen & Chris
Mary & Dan

and 24 step-grandchildren.

Also survived by one brother and 2 sisters in Holland.

The funeral service was held on Tuesday, April 2, 1985, in the Strathroy Westmount Chr. Ref. Church. The Rev. Antonie Vanden Ende officiating.

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On March 30, 1985, the Lord called unto Himself,

EVERT JOHANNES VAN PELT

at the age of 56 years.

Beloved husband of Gretha van Pelt-Westerhof.

Father and grandfather of:
John & Nellie van Pelt; Benjamin, Rebecca, Jonathan — Scotland, Ont.
Mark, Wally, Ed — at home

The funeral was held on Wednesday, April 3, 1985, from the Chr. Ref. Church of Maple Ridge, BC. Rev. John Boonstra officiating.

Home address: 20460 - 123 Ave., Maple Ridge, BC V2X 4A7

## Obituaries

"How great is the love the Father has lavished on us, that we should be called children of God! And that is what we are!" (1 John 3:1a).

The Lord took home on April 5, 1985, to be with Him forever,

HARRY (Hans) HOEKSTRA

at the age of 57.

Dear husband of Jenny Hoekstra-Hoogstra.

Dear father of:
Jean & David Skolly — Dartmouth, NS
Eugene & Hettie Hoekstra
Harry Hoekstra & Sue
Patricia Hoekstra — all of Chatham

4 grandchildren

Dear son of Mrs. Margaret Hoekstra — Chatham

Dear brother of:
Andrew & Margaret Hoekstra
Ted & Tina Hoekstra — Chatham
Betty & Bill Vroom — Bowmanville
Jean & Jack Hoekstra — Chatham
Martha & Ben Sonneveld — Blenheim
Edward & Janet Hoekstra — Chatham
Mary & Herman De Vries — Williamsburg
Joe & Susie Hoekstra — Chatham
Arnold & Margaret Hoekstra — Wyoming
Tina & Harry Okkema — Wallaceburg
Rusty & Bea Hoekstra — Wyoming
Liz & John Dragstra — Bowmanville

46 nephews and nieces

Predeceased by his father and 1 brother.

Funeral services were held in 1st Chr. Ref. Church, Chatham, on Monday, April 8, 1985. Rev. William Dykstra officiating.

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## Obituaries

"Be still and know that I am God" (Ps. 46:10).

On April 5, 1985.

The Lord called unto Himself,

ELBERT VAN DONKERSGOED

in his 79th year.

Beloved husband of Aaltje (Versteeg).

Dear father of:
Gerrie & Jake Greydanus — Gowanstown
Tinie & Bob Versteeg — Gorrie
Fenna & Bert Zantingh — Wellandport
Hennie & Bill de Boer — Lucknow
Christien & Harry Karsten — Lakeside
Elbert & Nellie van Donkersgoed — Drayton
John & Betty van Donkersgoed — Gorrie
Henk & Margaret van Donkersgoed — Gorrie

42 grandchildren; 15 great-grandchildren.

Home address: R.R.#2, Gorrie, ON N0G 1X0

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Op Goede Vrijdag, 5 april is overleden ons geacht medelid op de leeftijd van 78 jaar,

Mr. ELBERT VAN DONKERSGOED

Naar zijn eigen getuigenis kan hij zeggen met Job 19:25-27, "Maar ik weet mijn verlosser leeft, dien ik zelf mij ten goede aanschouwen zal."

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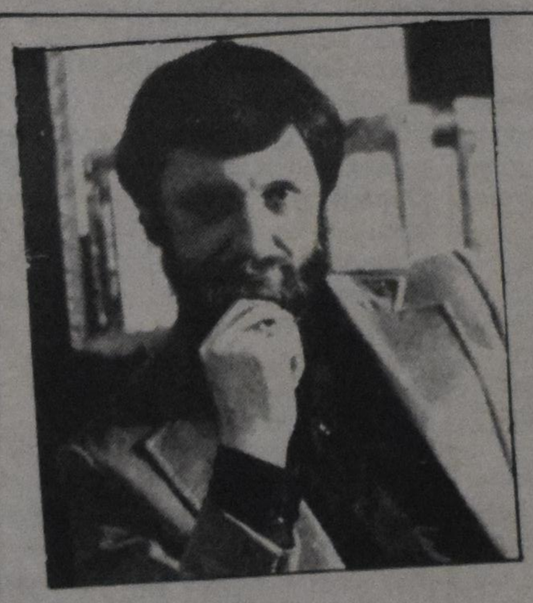

## An Evening with HUGH COOK

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# Events

## CALENDAR of events

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| **Apr. 20 May 4** | The Jarvis Frisian Drama Club presents "In Fryer Mei Fratsen" in **Chathain** (Apr. 20, 7:30 p.m., McNaughton Public School), **Woodbridge** (Apr. 26, 8 p.m., TDCH), **Jarvis** (Apr. 27, 7:30 p.m., Chr. School), **Kitchener** (May 4, 7:30 p.m. Woodland Chr. High). |
| **Apr. 26** | An evening with Hugh Cook at 8:00 p.m. in the Covenant CRC, **St. Catharines,** Ont. See ad for details. |
| **Apr. 27** | Special evening in **Newmarket CRC** at 7:30 p.m., on the theme "Nurturing Christian Children in 1985." Guest speaker: Dr. Richard Mouw, Calvin College. Choirs from Holland Marsh Chr. School and Toronto District Chr. Highschool. |
| **Apr. 27** | Piano recital by Pamela Davidson Van Weelden, A.R.C.T., at Mountainview CRC, **Grimsby;** 8:00 p.m. |
| **Apr. 29** | Andre Knevel in concert at Seventh Day Adventist Church, **Lacombe,** College Heights, Alta.; 8:00 p.m. |
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| **May 3** | Andre Knevel in concert at First CRC, **New Westminster,** BC, at 8:00 p.m. |
| **May 3** | An evening with Hugh Cook at 8:00 p.m., in the Bethel CRC, **London.** See ad for details. |
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| **May 4** | Young Adults' Day Rally "Light The Way, Lord." Registration at 9:00 a.m. Evening program at 7:00 p.m. Speaker: The Rev. John Postuma, at Immanuel CRC, **Hamilton,** Ont. |
| **May 5** | CPJ's Gerald Vandezande will be interviewed at 8:30 a.m. on CFTO-TV, **Toronto,** on "Paradox" (re: his book and the Morgentaler trial). |
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| **May 18** | Sarnia Christian School's Second Annual Family Breakfast and Bedding Plant Sale, at 8:00 a.m. at the school, **Sarnia,** Ont. |
| **May 22** | "Hollandse Dag" at 10 a.m. in the Chr. Ref. Church, **York,** Ont. Speaker: Rev. J. Kuntz from Kitchener. Contact Mr. R. De Boer at 416-768-3634 if you have a contribution to make. |
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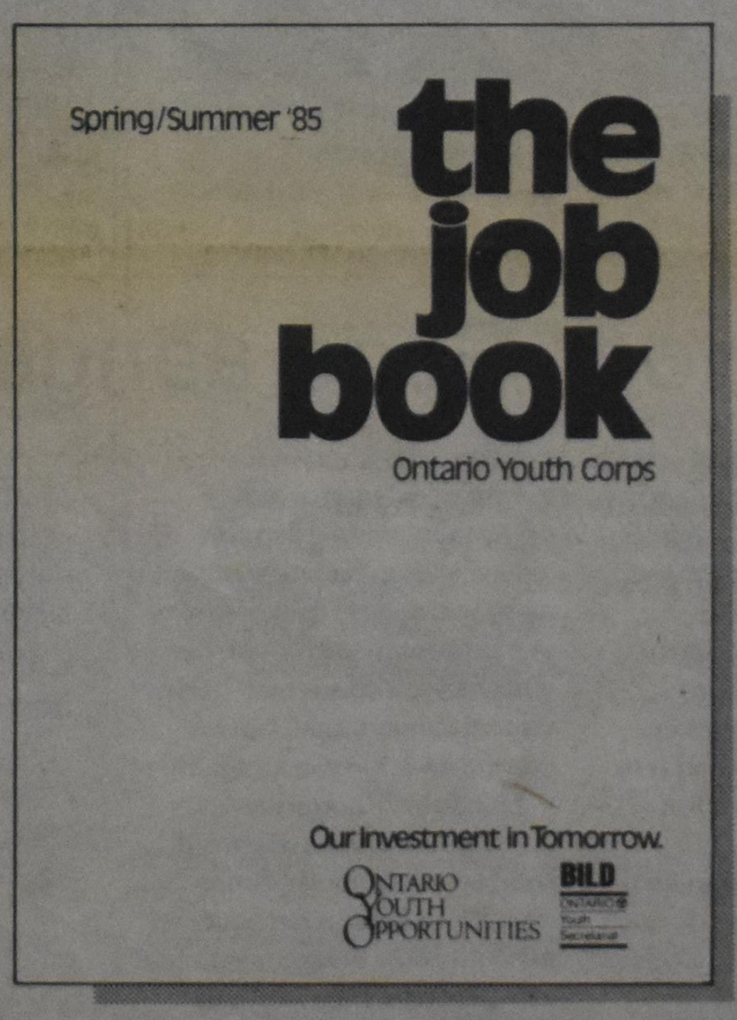


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# Dutch Persoverzicht

Carl D. Tuyl

De grondwet's klausule over de rechten van de Canadese staatsburger wordt per 17 april effektief. Dat betekent onder andere denk ik, dat dominees niet noodzakelijkerwijs op vijf-en-zestigjarige leeftijd op pensioen hoeven te gaan.

Een datum die ook nogal ongemerkt voorbij ging was 14 april. Zeven-en-zestig jaar geleden veroverden de Canadezen de Duitse stellingen bij Vimy Ridge in één van de bloedigste veldslagen van de eerste wereldoorlog. De overlevenden van die slag, met een gemiddelde leeftijd van 89 jaar, kwamen bijeen om hun gevallen kameraden te eren. Ieder jaar zijn er minder, dat begrijpt U wel.

Na de Paasvakantie ging het in Ottawa van dik hout zaagt men planken. Zelfs Mr. Mellowrooney moest twee keer door de voorzitter tot de orde worden geroepen. Hij liep helemaal rood aan, en debatteerde in de stijl van Kenau Simonsz. Hasselaar. (Wie weet wat ik daarmee bedoel wordt ook al weer een dagje ouder). De aanleiding van de verhitte stemming was de kwestie van schadevergoeding voor Japanezen die tijdens de tweede wereldoorlog geinterneerd werden. De Prime Minister had tijdens de verkiezingskampagne schadevergoeding beloofd, maar die belofte zit ergens onder in de prullemand, en de oppositie gebruikte zelfs het woord "huichelaar," nu niet bepaald een parlementaire uitdrukking.

Een truck verspreidde gevaarlijke chemiekaliën over zo'n tweehonderd-en-vijftig kilometer van de Trans-Canada Highway, ten Oosten van Kenora, en of we dat spul ooit weer kwijt raken staat te bezien. Onze regering is ook bezig met het vraagstuk van de milieu-vervuiling als gevolg van de zure regen, maar met de ijverigheid van een veroordeelde op weg naar de galg. Het schiet niet op.

De posterijen stonden weer in het middelpunt van de belangstelling. Niet alleen waren de monteurs niet tevreden met hun nieuwe arbeidskontrakt, de direkteur meneer Warren, was helemaal in de knoop over het feit dat de regering zonder hem te raadplagen een ontslagen beambte in ere herstelde. En tot overmaat van ramp was er 't nieuws dat de post duurder gaat worden. Grappenmakers zeiden natuurlijk onmiddellijk dat de hogere kosten voor pakhuisruimte was om onbezorgde post op te slaan.

En om U maar ingelicht te houden heb ik even voor U de kosten van verf en behangetjes in Stornoway, het huis voor de fraktieleider van de oppositie, nagegaan. Clark $36,000, toen Trudeau: $134,000, toen Mulroney: $150,000, en eindelijk Turner zovèr $206,000, en men zegt dat er nog een klein half miljoentje tegen aan moet. Toe maar!

Er is ook sprake van een nieuw één dollar geldstuk. Ik ben er teuge want dan krijgen we natuurlijk ook parkeermeters waar je een dollar in moet doen.

Een nogal misselijk stukkie politiek speelde zich af bij onze Zuiderburen waar President Reagan het nodig achtte om bij zijn voorgenomen bezoek aan West Duitsland even een krans te gaan leggen op een S.S. kerkhof. De veteranen en de Joodse gemeenschap staken de afkeuring niet onder stoelen of banken en glad als een aal kondigde Reagan aan dat hij dan ook wel even een bezoekje zou maken aan Dachau. Kotsmisselijk!

Er zit wat verwarming in de lucht van internationale betrekkingen. Een Mubarak — Peres ontmoeting wordt besproken en ook Reagan en Gorbachev geven te kennen dat ze met elkaar kennis willen maken. Hopelijk komt er met de lente een nieuw geluid.

De Nederlandse regering heeft nog steeds geen definitief besluit genomen aangaande de opstelling van de Cruise raketten. Wel is het bekend dat in geval de Russen in november meer SS-20 raketten hebben dan in juni van het vorige jaar, de Hollanders over zullen gaan tot het aanvaarden van 48 Cruise raketten.

In Zuid Afrika werd de wet die huwelijken tussen mensen van verschillende huidskleur verbood, herroepen. Een doekje voor 't bloeden natuurlijk! De apartheidspolitiek begint schipbreuk te lijden en er vloeit een toenemende stroom van bloed.

Het zuivelbedrijfsschap in Ontario heeft een miljoen dollar aan de Universiteit van Guelph geschonken met het doel om nieuwe gebruiksmanieren voor eieren te vinden. Ik heb alvast een alternatief gebruik gesuggereerd: één krat per dag voor alle leden van de oppositie om als het debat wat vurig wordt de eieren als ammunitie te gebruiken. Het is mijn vaste overtuiging dat de diskussies zodoende op een hoger niveau zullen komen te staan dan de huidige debatten.

De reünie van het derde bataljon van het Garde Regiment Princes Irene zal plaats vinden op 21 september in de Harskamp. Dat las ik in ons krantje "De Plopper" en 't hoort dus ook onder persoverzicht.

En op één van mijn rondes door 't ziekenhuis ontmoette ik een dame die vond dat de foto boven mijn persoverzicht te geflatteerd was. Met andere woorden ik ben lelijker. Hoerah voor de eerlijkheid.

# Leven voor Gods aangezicht

## Onder de streep

John Van Harmelen

Er is in onze kring nogal wat discussie geweest over de toch zo positieve belijdenis "LIFE IS RELIGION." Langzamerhand is men aan deze zegswijze gewend geraakt en heeft haar geaccepteerd omdat men begreep dat ons gehele leven responderen moet op Gods eis om voor Hem te leven. Ook Coram Deo werd een uitdrukking die vaak gebruikt werd omdat we voelden dat we geroepen werden "voor Gods aangezicht" te leven.

En als ons gehele leven godsdienst is dan volgt daaruit dat het gevaarlijk is om een scheiding te maken tussen 'gewone' dingen en 'geestelijke' zaken. En toch ... merk je telkens in de gemeente dat dualisme in het geloofsleven.

Vrouw Jansma was op een maandagmorgen al vroeg opgestaan, want er lag een 'dikke' was op haar te wachten. Zo moest eerst in de stookhut een grote wasketel boven het vuur hangen. Haar man had het vuur al aangemaakt, hij was daarna naar zijn werk gegaan.

Het duurde nogal wat voordat het water in de grote ketel aan de kook gekomen was. Eindelijk was het zover en met een flinke dosis zeeppoeder werd er een schuimend sop gemaakt dat elke goede huisvrouw met vreugde over het wasbord liet vloeien om de was zo te beuken met een stevige wasborstel dat het wasgoed schoon werd.

Een buurvrouw kwam plotseling naar haar toe ... en zei ... Anna, 'k heb hier toch zo'n prachtig kalenderblaadje, ik ben er zo door getroffen, en ik dacht dat moest mijn buurvrouw ook lezen.

Anna, haar handen nog vol zeepsop, antwoordde: leg het maar even op de keukentafel.

"Ach," zei de buurvrouw, "jij hebt ook nooit tijd voor geestelijke dingen," waarop Anna Jansma prompt reageerde met een scherpe zin: "je dacht toch niet dat God het goed zou vinden als ik mijn sop koud laat worden. Ik lees dat blaadje straks wel als ik klaar ben met de was." De buurvrouw droop hoofdschuddend af.

Was het niet Billy Graham die eens zei: "jullie vrouwen wassen elke dag een keer of drie de vaat. Het zou goed zijn als boven elke gootsteen geschreven stond: hier wordt God driemaal per dag gediend."

In alles moeten we voor de Here leven, 'voor Zijn aangezicht.' Leven voor het aangezicht van onze God betekent vooral dat wij klaar moeten zijn om Hem te dienen, om Zijn gebod te gehoorzamen, om Coram Deo te leven. We zijn immers verbondskinderen, die mogen leven met hun hemelse Vader in dat rijke genadeverbond.

In 'de Rechten Des Verbonds,' het prachtige catechisatieboek van ds S.G. DeGraaf, vindt u over het verbond der genade de volgende 'statements': Mijn leven wordt beheerst door het verbond, waarin God met Zijn volk in gemeenschap leeft, en waarin Hij ook mij heeft willen opnemen; Het verbond, waarin God nu met Zijn volk in gemeenschap leeft, is het verbond der genade; de Here doet ons in het verbond der genade Zijn roeping horen en volgen, en schenkt ons vergeving der zonden en het eeuwige leven.

Als ons leven wordt beheerst door het verbond, dan hebben we geen behoefte om dualistisch te spreken van gewone dingen en geestelijke dingen. Met ons hele leven zijn we in het verbond der genade en leven voor Gods aangezicht. Zonder verbond zou er geen gemeenschap met de Here mogelijk zijn.

Nu het er is zijn we ook met alles wat ons aangaat er in opgenomen. Uit genade!

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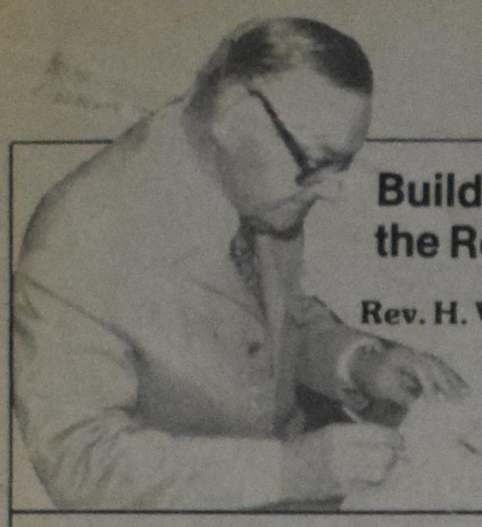

## Building on the Rock

**Rev. H. Van Andel**

# A wrong interpretation

*Judge not...*
Matthew 7:1

Jesus' warning "Judge not" has often caused a great deal of misunderstanding.

Some people tell us that we have to take the word "judge" in its general meaning. They state that it was Jesus' intention to say that a Christian should never express any negative judgment.

Particularly for the sake of unity in the church, a Christian should be indulgent and tolerant and refrain from criticism. There should be just respect for and appreciation of different opinions. Theological differences should be accepted without arguments and disharmony resulting in schisms should be avoided.

If this interpretation were true then it would be in direct conflict with what follows in this chapter and also with many other words in the Bible. In verse 6 of our chapter Jesus says: "Do not throw your pearls before swine." No one can follow this rule without a negative judgment.

Later in this same chapter Jesus warns against false prophets who appear in sheep's clothing, but are ravenous wolves. This also demands a judging mind.

The apostle John writes in one of his letters: "Test the spirits to see whether they are of God." Moreover, the letters of the apostles are filled with admonitions pointing to the necessity of judging.

An no wonder. It is our calling as Christians to discern the theories and actions which we observe in life. We must distinguish between good and evil with the measure of God's Word. We are recreated by the Holy Spirit to that end. It belongs to our renewed life and to the image of Christ which we have to show.

When Jesus says: "Judge not," He does not exhort us to lead a life which is filled with compromises. The word "judge" in this verse must have a specific meaning.

In our next meditation we will elaborate on this, but it is necessary to reject a wrong interpretation first.

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Gemiddeld worden er jaar in ons land op elke duizend meisjes tot en met achttien jaar veertien zwanger, zo heeft het Alan Guttmacher Institute in New York berekend. Nederland heeft daarmee het laagste cijfer van alle 36 onderzochte landen.

De meeste jeugdzwangerschappen komen voor in de Verenigde Staten, 96 van de duizend meisjes hebben of verwachten een kind.

Uit het onderzoek blijkt dat landen met een liberale opvatting over seks, zoals dus Nederland, de laagste cijfers geven wat zwangerschap en abortus betreft. Volgens een van de onderzoekers komt dat omdat in die landen betere voorzorgsmaatregelen genomen kunnen worden.


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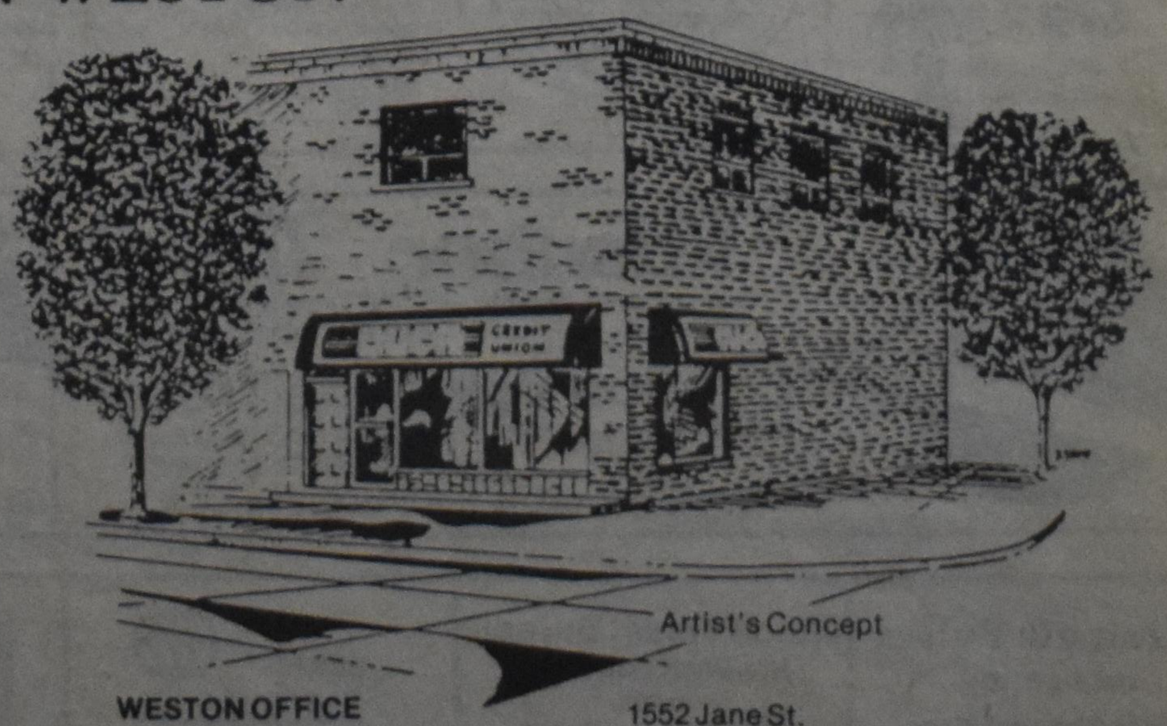
## . . . AND IN WESTON

By moving our Downsview office to nearby Weston, we will be changing our address but not the level of service which our members have come to expect over the past seven years. The branch Manager, Mrs. Fenny Bloemink, and her staff will continue to serve our members from their new home at 1552 Jane St., just south of Lawrence Ave. Just look for our blue and white logo on the canopy; a symbol of quality financial service that includes no-charge chequing, competitive interest rates and much more.

The new hours of business will be Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. and Thursday from 10 a.m. to 7 p.m.

The telephone number at this branch will be 245-2413.

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WESTON OFFICE 1552 Jane St.

**$100,000,000.00+** On February 22, 1985 we reached this important mark for our Credit Union.